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Diego Maradona

WHEN the 1981-82 season kicks-off on August 29th one in four clubs will do so with a new man in the manager's chair.

The mid-season seminar of club chairmen ended with back-slapping because of the gentlemen's agreement that there should be no poaching of managers during the course of a season.

All that achieved was the summer stampede which has seen managers moving around like pawns in a game of chess.

Just take the First Division for example. Last year not one of the top clubs started the campaign with a new man in charge. This time Brighton, Coventry, Everton, Manchester United, Middlesbrough, Stoke, Sunderland and W.B.A. all have a new boss.

The story may be less dramatic in lower Divisions, but there have still been a multitude of changes when you consider the facts as we do here in our look at all 92 Football League clubs.

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL

No change despite persistent attempts to lure coach Don Howe away from manager Terry Neill.

MANCHESTER CITY
No change after John Bond's miracle rescue act had taken the club to the F.A. Cup Final and First Division safety. After all the traumas of the Allison Affair, a period of stability is essential.

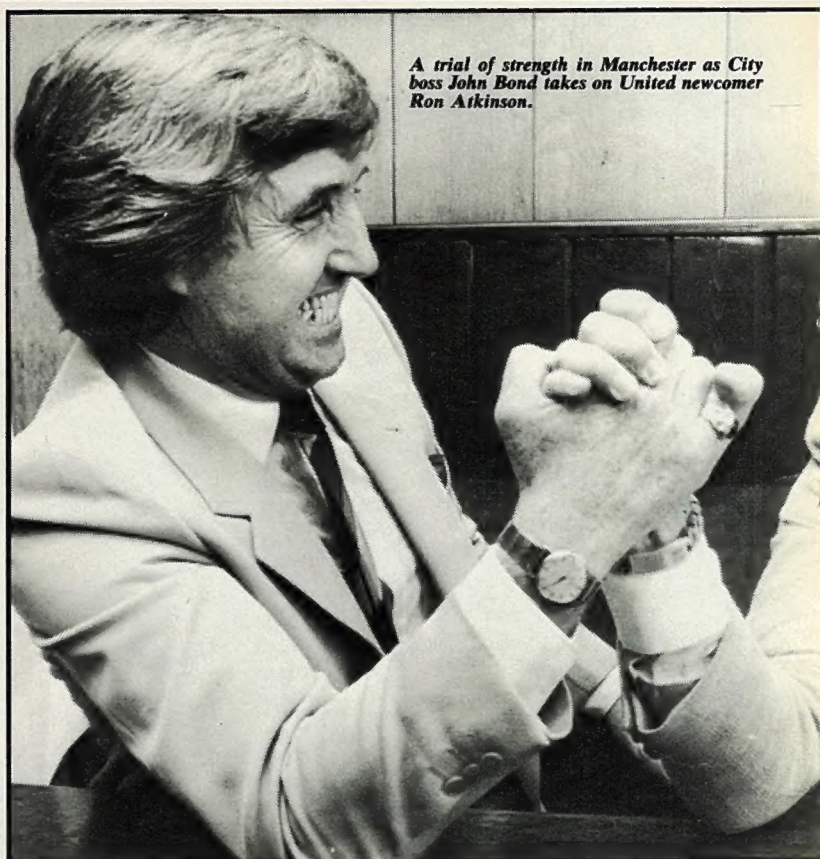
MANCHESTER UNITED
Dave Sexton is out — Ron Atkinson is in. Britain's top club made a mess of the so-called biggest job in football, being turned down by the first three replacements they could think of. We wish Ron the best of luck and Manchester will certainly be a lively city with Ron and John vying for pole position.

MIDDLESBROUGH
Out goes quiet man John Neal — in comes equally quiet Bobby Murdoch. A somewhat surprising event in that Neal had made Boro the top team in the North-East.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST
No change — but you never know with Brian Clough. He could up and off anywhere any time if he doesn't get his way.

NOTTS COUNTY
No change — and welcome to the First Division to Jimmy Sirrel.

SOUTHAMPTON
No change — but no thanks to Manchester United. We can't help thinking this was one move that was nailed-on and suddenly backfired. Lawrie McMenemy could have been at Old Trafford, Leeds or Sunderland, but maybe



A trial of strength in Manchester as City boss John Bond takes on United newcomer Ron Atkinson.

The close-season has seen an incredible number of managerial upheavals. SHOOT examines the merry-go-round of bosses which has become a real . . .

ASTON VILLA

No change — but after all Ron Saunders did guide them to the Championship!

BIRMINGHAM CITY

No change, and Jim Smith should be pretty safe.

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

Out goes Alan Mullery after a boardroom row and in comes Mike Bailey from Charlton Athletic. Bailey is untried at this level but won a good reputation at The Valley.

COVENTRY CITY

Upstairs goes Gordon Milne, in comes Dave Sexton. Two of the nicest men in the game will be hoping their talents can merge into a harmonious relationship.

EVERTON

Out goes Gordon Lee after a turbulent time at Goodison — in comes one of the club's favourite sons Howard Kendall. Kendall is a quiet man but a determined one. He will certainly have the support all round — the question is "Will he have the inspiration?"

IPSWICH TOWN

No change now that Bobby Robson has once again settled for the green acres of East Anglia.

LEEDS UNITED

No change — but this is a vital season for Allan Clarke, who has sworn to bring back the glory days.

LIVERPOOL

No change by the European Champions and League Cup holders, though there have been persistent rumours that Bob Paisley will soon be ready to step down.



he'll stay at The Dell for life.

STOKE CITY

Out goes Alan Durban — headed North for Sunderland. In comes Ritchie Barker, too good to be No 2 at Wolves, now set to prove himself as a No. 1.

SUNDERLAND

Out goes Ken Knighton, victim of a personality clash with chairman Tom Cowie and the crime of not being a nationally-known figure, in comes the afore-mentioned Durban.

SWANSEA CITY

No change as you'd expect for a club about to grace the First Division for the first time in its history — but don't be surprised if John Toshack ends up at Liverpool before too long.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

No change — and after winning the F.A. Cup Keith Burkinshaw must be safe.

Howard Kendall meets Everton chairman Philip Carter (left) while Swansea's John Toshack (right) could yet go to rivals Liverpool.

SUMMER

WEST BROMWICH ALBION
Out goes Ron Atkinson — to Britain's biggest stage and in comes former boss and player Ronnie Allen who has been working in the Middle East.

WEST HAM UNITED

No change — but then there never is at Upton Park. John Lyall must have the safest job in the game.

WOLVES

No change for John Barnwell, who gets Ian Ross as his new first lieutenant.



SECOND DIVISION

BARNSELY

No change and as Norman Hunter got promotion at the first attempt there could have been no reason for one.

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Out goes Howard Kendall to Everton. In comes Bobby Saxton, well thought of down Devon way after stints at Exeter and Plymouth.

BOLTON WANDERERS

Out goes Stan Anderson, in comes George Mulhall, brought back from Bradford.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED

No change — a club with such limited resources has shown its gratitude to the good job done by John Docherty.

CARDIFF CITY

No change after the annual Houdini Act worked once again — piloted this time by Ritchie Morgan. They do have one new

manager, however. David Watkins is taking over the new Rugby League club.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

Out goes Mike Bailey to the First Division with Brighton. In comes the man he replaced at Brighton — Alan Mullery.

CHELSEA

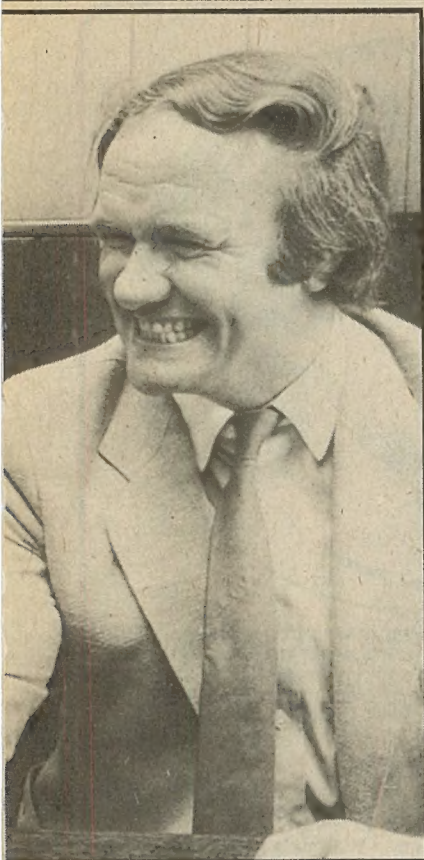
Out goes Geoff Hurst together with chief henchman Bobby Gould — victims of a depressing end-of-season run. In comes John Neal, a surprising choice in that he doesn't fit the flamboyant Chelsea jet-set image.

CRYSTAL PALACE

No change. Dario Gradi, installed after Venables, Walley and Allison had come and gone is still at Selhurst Park.

DERBY COUNTY

No change — though Colin Addison is a much sought-after manager.



captain Emlyn Hughes takes over.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
 No change — Big Jack Charlton is still there — despite his often quoted belief that no manager should stay with a club more than four years.
SHREWSBURY TOWN
 No change — Graham Turner has done a perfect job in keeping the friendly little Shropshire club in the Second Division.
WATFORD
 No change — and Graham Taylor remains one of the most respected young bosses in football.
WREXHAM
 Out goes Arfon Griffiths because he refused to prune his training staff. Ironically one of those who would have been axed was Mel Sutton. He's got the job.

THIRD DIVISION

BRENTFORD
 No change. carry on Fred Callaghan.
BRISTOL CITY
 No change. But Bobby Houghton has discovered how much tougher the Football League is than the Swedish League.
BRISTOL ROVERS
 No change. Terry Cooper survived a crisis. Now he's got to prove it wasn't his fault that Bristol achieved a unique double of being the first city to have two clubs relegated in the same season.

STAMPEDE

Welcome to Sunderland for Alan Durban from the controversial Tom Cowie.

GRIMSBY TOWN
 No change — much to everyone's surprise. George Kerr was freely tipped for the Sheffield United post, and if he achieves more success with The Mariners he'll be bound to move on.
LEICESTER CITY
 No change — and this really is against the tide. Jock Wallace was never in danger despite relegation.
LUTON TOWN
 No change — David Pleat was too close to taking The Hatters to promotion.
NEWCASTLE UNITED
 No change — Arthur Cox took over from last season's first casualty Bill McGarry, and having taken stock he knows there's a lot of hard work ahead.
NORWICH CITY
 No change — but then Ken Brown only had the last half of the season in charge and sadly it ended in relegation.
OLDHAM ATHLETIC
 No change — but Jimmy Frizzell only just wriggled out of the noose last season when The Latics hit a barren patch.
ORIENT
 No change — Jimmy Bloomfield has done a good job with limited cash to spend.
QUEENS PARK RANGERS
 No change — and it will be a major surprise if Terry Venables doesn't take them up.
ROTHERHAM UNITED
 Out goes Ian Porterfield and The Millers are rightly aggrieved to lose the man who brought them back to the Second Division after 13 years — especially to neighbours Sheffield United. Former England

BURNLEY
 No change. There were signs towards the end of the campaign that Brian Miller was getting a side worthy of the name.
CARLISLE UNITED
 No change. Bob Stokoe is smiling again after Carlisle's escape.
CHESTER
 No change — Alan Oakes' side scraped clear at the death.
CHESTERFIELD
 No change. Frank Barlow couldn't quite take them up — but now he's safe.
DONCASTER ROVERS
 No change. Billy Bremner, for the moment, stays at Belle Vue.
EXETER CITY
 No change — and after their Cup run, The Grecians could hardly thank Brian Godfrey enough.
FULHAM
 No change. Malcolm Macdonald has only just got into his baptism as a manager at Craven Cottage.
GILLINGHAM
 Out goes Gerry Summers. Keith Peacock takes over.
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
 No change — and Mick Buxton, having taken The Terriers to the very brink of promotion, is now rated one of the best in the business.
LINCOLN CITY
 No change — Colin Murphy has come back from the dead after his awful experiences at Derby County.
MILLWALL
 No change — but then Peter Anderson has only just got the feel of the job.
NEWPORT COUNTY
 No change. Len Ashurst revelled in

County's Cup Winners' Cup glory.
OXFORD UNITED
 No change and how good it was to see Ian Greaves proving once again that there are few better in the business.
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
 Out goes Bobby Saxton — he walked out to get the Blackburn job. In comes another Bobby, Moncur, after a brief spell at Hearts.
PORTSMOUTH
 No change. Frank Burrows almost took Pompey to a second successive promotion. They can't ask much more.
PRESTON NORTH END
 Out goes Nobby Stiles — yet another failed manager from the World Cup winners, and in comes Tommy Docherty. Preston will be his 12th club as a manager and you can bet The Doc will try everything to put the pride back into Preston.
READING
 No change, but Maurice Evans will be looking for an improvement at Elm Park this time.
SOUTHEND UNITED
 No change. Dave Smith had promotion in his pocket long before the season came to a close. Now his job's in his pocket.
SWINDON TOWN
 No change. Now Mr Swindon (John Trollope) has to prove he's as good a boss as he was a full-back.



WALSALL
 No change, although Alan Buckley's side escaped relegation by the skin of their teeth.
WIMBLEDON
 No change. Dave Bassett just took over where Dario Gradi left off — and to be fair to him improved on it. The upshot was promotion.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT
 No change — Len Walker settled in nicely in the last quarter of the season.
BLACKPOOL
 No change — Allan Brown only had charge for the last month of the season after Alan Ball's failure.
BOURNEMOUTH
 No change — after a short spell in charge, David Webb is convinced The Cherries will be Champs next time out.
BRADFORD CITY
 Out goes George Mulhall — on his return trip to Bolton. In comes former England centre-half Roy

McFarland.
BURY
 No change — Jim Iley remains at Gigg Lane.
COLCHESTER UNITED
 No change, although Bobby Roberts was nearly tipped out of the rocking chair when they went down.
CREWE ALEXANDRA
 No change — Tony Waddington has done a good job.
DARLINGTON
 No change and Billy Elliott must be pleased with his home-grown youngsters.
HALIFAX TOWN
 Out goes George Kirby. Mick Bullock gets the least envied job in soccer.
HARTLEPOOL
 No change after Billy Horner's side had gone closer than for a long time to winning something.
HEREFORD UNITED
 No change. Obviously feel Frank Lord should be given an extended opportunity.
HULL CITY
 No change but if Mike Smith hadn't signed a lengthy contract it's doubtful whether he'd have survived.
MANSFIELD TOWN
 Mick Jones has gone despite a reasonably successful season, and he forms a new partnership with Roy McFarland at Bradford. Stuart Boam takes charge.
NORTHAMPTON TOWN
 No change. Bill Dodgin in his second term of office at the County Ground.
PETERBOROUGH UNITED
 No change. Peter Morris must have a good chance of taking The Posh up.
PORT VALE
 No change — John McGrath has sworn to drag the club off its feet.
ROCHDALE
 No change — and after the miracle Peter Madden achieved they should give him the freedom of the town.
SCUNTHORPE UNITED
 Up goes Ron Ashman into an overseer, and in comes former Spurs and Derby County striker John Duncan.
SHEFFIELD UNITED
 Out goes Martin Peters. In comes Ian Porterfield, who should have been starting the season in the Second with newly-promoted Rotherham, but finds the challenge, the prospects — and the money — more attractive at Bramall Lane.
STOCKPORT COUNTY
 No change, but Jimmy McGuigan still has a lot to do.
TORQUAY UNITED
 Out goes Mike Green and back comes Frank O'Farrell for a third time at Plainmoor.
TRANMERE ROVERS
 No change but Bryan Hamilton must have learned an enormous lesson in his first season.
WIGAN ATHLETIC
 No change and after a couple of months sampling life on the pier Larry Lloyd has no illusions.
YORK CITY
 No change and how refreshing for the chairman of a club that finished right at the bottom to say there was no reason whatsoever why they should give Barry Lyons the push.

Next week we name the managers who could be at risk in 1981-82.

Andy wants to be King of Goodison again

ANDY King has lived through a nightmare for the past 12 months, and at present there are few signs of it ending.

"At 23 I was playing for the best team in the land — Everton — I'd represented England at Under-21 level and I believed I was good enough to turn out for the senior England side," says King. "A year later I couldn't hold down a place in a Second Division side."

The Queens Park Rangers mid-field player still finds it difficult to accept what has happened to him.

"I know a lot of what happened is my fault," he says. "But not all of it. It is hard to come to terms with. All I want now is to get back into the First Division and prove a few people wrong."

King is a rare talent, scoring goals freely from midfield. It was that commodity that Everton missed last season, and he's recently been linked with his old club.

"Of course I'd love to go back to Goodison Park," says King. "I never wanted to leave in the first place."

"I served my apprenticeship at Everton. I had five marvellous years there. I know I come from

the South, and a lot of people believed that is why I left Everton, but my heart lies in the North. The supporters at Everton were always good to me."

Gordon Lee sold King, and what really hurts him is that when Everton made him available in August last year, not one First Division club made a serious enquiry for him.

"Why not? I don't know," says King. "With the exception of a number of the less glamorous clubs, I would have gone anywhere. I still would. I don't understand why nobody came in."

"I must admit I had no intention of joining Rangers when I travelled South to meet Tommy Docherty."

'Persuasive'

"But as anyone who knows The Doc will tell you, you don't just have dinner with him. He's very persuasive!"

"I believed in him. Tommy made me feel ten feet tall again. He said all the right things to me and that, coming on top of the way it had turned sour at Everton, well, I just couldn't resist signing for him."

King took a while to settle in at Queens Park Rangers. Playing in



front of less than 10,000 supporters instead of a packed Goodison Park was strange. When Docherty was sacked King was again left wondering.

"If I could have chosen anyone to succeed The Doc I would have gone for Terry Venables," he says. "I had known Terry from my days with the Under-21's. I have a lot of respect for him."

"But still I couldn't find my best form. I know a lot has been said about an old ankle injury I picked up playing against West Ham in the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals for Everton. But that is nonsense. There is nothing wrong with the ankle."

King is on offer at Rangers, and he is desperate to return to the top.

"Ideally I would like to stay with Rangers and help them back into the First Division," he says. "But I feel a clean break would be the best thing."

"Although a lot has gone wrong for me in the last 12 months, I still believe in my own ability. I'm convinced I wouldn't have looked out of place in an England shirt during the last British Championship."

Rangers are believed to be asking no more than £250,000 for King. Whoever parts with the money is buying a man determined to show what he can do.

Biley's Merseyside mission

EVERTON'S new £350,000 striker Alan Biley had only one regret at moving to Goodison Park — he had to cancel his honeymoon.

Biley, the 24-year-old target for Howard Kendall's first major transfer market move, signed for Everton seven days before his wedding to Ann, his girlfriend for six years.

"We had only planned to go away for a few days — but decided even that would be too long."

"The only place we're going now is on a house hunting mission on Merseyside. It might not be the Bahamas, but we're just as excited."

Uncertainty

Biley's move ended nearly four months of uncertainty after Derby transfer listed him shortly before the deadline in March.

"My whole season fell to pieces in the space of 24 hours," he recalls. "I tore ankle ligaments playing against Orient, and the next morning discovered it would have been my last game for the club in any case."

"They had agreed a fee for me to join West Bromwich Albion. Because of the injury that was called off, but I stayed on the list."

Alan and Ann had just bought their new home at that time, a pretty cottage in the tiny village of

Sutton on the Hill, about ten miles from Derby.

"I think moving in the middle of the season upset my game, and that's part of the reason we won't have a honeymoon now," said the former Cambridge striker, who moved to Derby for £400,000 in January 1980.

"I want to be settled by the start of the new season and produce my best form from the off. In any case, I hope scoring goals for Everton will give me all the honeymoon I need!"

Biley had spent his summer recovering from his ankle injury and fighting to control the weeds on his garden.

"Honestly, it was like a jungle. I've never done any gardening before, and although it was hard work I enjoyed seeing things take shape."

"If nothing else I can assure Everton's fans I'll be fit. A long cross-country run in pre-season training will be like a holiday after all that digging!"

"Joking apart I'm looking forward to playing for Everton. They are one of the big clubs, with a set-up which is unrivalled."

"The facilities they have got are tremendous — and I was even more impressed by what Howard Kendall told me about his ambitions. I'm sure we can have an outstanding season."



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Ban our fans

THE draw for the First Round of the three European competitions next season produced some intriguing and challenging matches for the best of British football.

But at a time when one club in particular, Tottenham Hotspur, should be concentrating on taking their entertaining, attacking style to the Continent, what a terrible shame that their immediate priority was to seek a way to curb their hooligan followers from further blackening the name of Britain.

Manager Keith Burkinshaw has performed a minor miracle in reviving the fallen giants from the ranks of the Second Division.

In doing so, he has introduced players of the calibre of Glenn Hoddle, Ossie Ardiles, Steve Archibald and Ricky Villa to the Football League.

Yet here is a manager, at the peak of his profession, who finds his attentions diverted by the actions of brainless buffoons.

The last time Spurs were in Europe, their fans caused havoc during the second leg of the U.E.F.A. Cup Final against Feyenoord in 1974.

SHOOT, view!

Now they make a return to the Netherlands for a Cup-Winners' Cup tie against Ajax of Amsterdam.

And after their previous sickening antics, what kind of welcome can the White Hart Lane followers expect this time?

Of course, Spurs are not the only club to have a problem with hooligans. It is just that the European draw makes it most likely that their idiot entourage get the first chance to disgrace themselves in Europe.

After the sickening violence we have all witnessed on the riot-torn streets of Britain in recent weeks, the game of football seems to be pretty inconsequential.

But we have a message not just from the game of football, but from the vast majority of the people of Britain.

Vandals, hooligans and rioters, whether on the football terraces or in the massed ranks of the cowardly looters and fire-bomb throwers, will not be tolerated any longer.

Britain's reputation abroad has sunk to an all-time low. It is about time that situation was rectified.

There's only one sure way of stopping trouble — ban all fans from clubs with a reputation of hooliganism from travelling abroad.

The innocent would suffer but it's the only way to curb this problem once and for all.

THE death has taken place of Wilbur Cush, the former Glenavon, Leeds United, Portadown and Northern Ireland midfield dynamo.

In a lengthy club and international career, Lurgan-born Wilbur, who was only 52, captained home-town outfit Glenavon to a first-ever provincial Irish League and Cup "double" in 1957, earned 26 full Irish caps and starred in Northern Ireland's advance to the Quarter-Finals of the 1958 World Cup Finals, in Sweden.

THE Association of Football Statisticians membership has risen to over 725 with members living in 20 countries.

Last summer the Association completed a successful tour of all the Scottish League grounds.

This year they are attempting to visit all 92 Football League grounds in just 15 days!

Any reader interested in the Association should send an S.A.E. to Ray Spiller, 5 Hempstalls, Basildon, Essex SS15 5AA.

Super Saint

SOUTHAMPTON appear to have a really good 'un in centre-forward Ian Juryeff.

The Gosport-born 18-year-old signed schoolboy forms for The Saints in 1976 and turned professional last November. His prowess as a goalscorer and penalty-taking augers well for the future.

He scored six goals for Hampshire Schoolboys and they won 6-0 and then he notched two for Saints reserves and they claimed a 2-0 victory in what was his debut game.

FASHANU COULD

MANCHESTER City manager John Bond certainly hasn't been resting on his laurels since his team's two epic F.A. Cup Finals with Spurs.

In fact he's been working overtime all summer to build a squad which in his words, "will be good enough to achieve something next season."



Bond's already bought Northern Ireland skipper Martin O'Neill from Norwich for £275,000, and he's tied up a deal to bring his son, Kevin Bond, to Maine Road from America in September.

Plus the City manager has lined up a big-money swoop for Southampton's talented young midfielder Steve Williams, although the clubs are still haggling over the exact size of the fee.

The final piece in Bond's championship jig-saw could be a big-money striker. It was known that City were more than interested in big Joe Jordan, and Bond is now looking for some-

Swansea Travel Club

IF THERE are any exiled Swansea City fans living in and around London interested in travelling to home and away games next season write to the Swans Travel Club, c/o Andy Foley, 45 Kendall House, Priory Green Estate, Islington, London N1, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

NEWS DESK

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No caps

SOME inconsistency by the Football Association of Ireland. Caps were awarded for the recent game against West Germany 'B'. But the FAI didn't award caps for the game against a full Argentinian side in Dublin two years ago. The reason being that the game was not organised by the FAI themselves. It was arranged by promoter Louis Kilcoyne on behalf of UNICEF.

Bury midfielder Mike Spencer doesn't have time to get bored whenever he's away from the soccer scene.

The 18-year-old from Manchester is a technician for the Gas Board and also loves Do It Yourself work.

Market Day at Arbroath



IN an effort to boost finances, Scottish Second Division club Arbroath rent out their car park every Thursday to stall-holders from all over the country.

The market is organised by stall-manager and ex-boxer John McDonal from Motherwell who has created a real carnival atmosphere at the little picturesque Gayfield ground.

"With average gates around the 400 mark we had to do something," says manager Ian Stewart (inset), who also works as a security boss in the town.

The club also rely on games being sponsored by their fans.

"We've a tremendously loyal bunch of supporters and I'd like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication," says Ian.

Moss goes to Rowdies

LUTON TOWN'S goal-poaching winger David Moss has signed for Tampa Bay Rowdies, the North American Soccer League team based in sunny Florida.

Moss, Luton's leading scorer for the last two seasons, has signed in a full transfer deal, but is expected to be back at Kenilworth Road by September.

David joins Frank Worthington in the Tampa attack. Only last season the Tampa team visited Luton for a friendly during a winter tour of England.



Old Pals Act



RITCHIE BARKER is delighted that he has taken over as Stoke City's new manager in succession to his old pal, Alan Durban.

They were both together at Shrewsbury Town and both made their names with the Gay Meadow club.

Barker (left) then joined Wolves as assistant-manager to John Barnwell and was not very happy about developments at the end of the season when there was a big question mark against Barnwell staying at Molineux.

BE BOND TARGET

one in the same aggressive mould as the fearless Scottish international.

"Whoever I buy, I will want to see him teaming-up with either Kevin Reeves, or perhaps Phil Boyer — who's fully fit again — and that'll be a strike-force as



good as any," said Bond.

Indeed, new signing Martin O'Neill, who won a host of honours with Forest, believes his new manager's exactly on the right lines.

"He's doing just the right thing, buying players despite last season's cup success... to win the League title you must have a squad of 16 or 17 good players," says Martin.

Now Jordan has turned down City expect John Bond to return to Norwich for brilliant striker Justin Fashanu who has made it known he doesn't fancy the idea of playing Second Division football.

Apparently John has already spoken to Canaries boss Ken Brown about a possible move.

Even the seven-figure fee being asked for Fashanu won't deter Bond, who gave the big striker his first chance at Norwich.



Keeping in style

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY star Terry Curran is clearly delighted with the wicket-keeping gear of Chester's Ian Mellor, who turned out for a Wednesday invitation side which reached the Semi-Finals of the North Regional Police six-a-side competition recently.

Dunfermline's twin signing

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC have made the most unusual signing deal of the close season by persuading identical twins Stewart and Bobby Dall, of Edinburgh, to put pen to paper.

Formerly with the Edinburgh juvenile team North Merchiston, the 17-year-old twins have been playing together with a various assortment of teams since taking up the game as schoolboys.

Bobby, an apprentice television engineer, was capped by the Scottish Boys' Clubs against Wales when he was 14-years-old. A central defender, he was reported to have been very much fancied by Hearts.

Stewart, a left-sided striker or midfield player, is an apprentice burglar alarm engineer.

Both youngsters are absolutely delighted at having been given the opportunity to play together with the same club at senior level.

They are cousins of David Dall, the former Nottingham Forest centre-half now with Scunthorpe.

LINFIELD'S 1980-81 County Antrim Shield success was their 32nd outright triumph in the end-of-term tournament.

● **CALL ME MARK!** That's a request from Leslie Hughes, a 17-year-old midfielder or centre-forward with Manchester United. He says: "Mark is my second name and I like to be called by it."

The Wrexham-born youngster certainly comes into soccer with a good reputation having won Welsh school-boy honours at both Under-15 and 18 level and then progressing to the Welsh Youth team.

Bill Nick robbed

BILL NICHOLSON, the man who guided Spurs to the double and many other successes was robbed of his trophies and medals while on holiday recently.

MISS SOCCER

LOVELY 20-year-old Miss Suzanne Rene-Scott has been crowned Britain's Soccer Queen.

Suzanne, from Hull, was chosen Miss Soccer by the National Federation of Supporters Clubs.



THE future looks bright for Blackburn Rovers according to right-back Jim Branagan who has reason to feel happy about their prospects.

Signed from Huddersfield in October, 1979, he saw them win promotion to the Second Division and feels the club has the talent to make it to the First next term. Jim, son of former Manchester City star Ken Branagan, can play in any position in the back-four.

Briefly...

● Brentford have signed goalkeeper Kevin Ward and strikers Keith Tonge and Steve Wolsey as apprentices.

● Arsenal coach Don Howe conducted a two-day, close-season coaching course for Irish League

managers and players, in Belfast.

● Former Eire international Alfie Hale is the new manager of Thurles Town. He was one of the Waterford stars of the 60's and had previous managerial experience with his native Waterford and Cork Celtic.

● Spurs may play three pre-season games in Ireland. A game against

Glentoran on August 8th is certain and further games in Dublin and Limerick are likely.

● Middlesbrough's £25,000 close-season capture from Distillery, David McClurg, should feel at home at Ayresome Park. The highly promising Northern Ireland Youth international striker hails from Killyleagh, County Down, the same town as Boro and Ireland winger Terry Cochrane.

MIDFIELDER Neil Webb is doing very nicely at Reading — the club his dad used to play for.

Young Neil, who won England Youth honours last season, emerged as a key player for Reading. His form was so good that the club found that they could release Wayne Wanklyn.

Dundee v. Sunderland

IN a determined bid to get off to a good start in next season's Premier League, newly promoted Dundee have been searching around for some strong opposition to play in pre-season friendly games.

An approach by manager Donald Mackay to Sunderland has proved to be a successful one, with the English club accepting an invitation to travel North for a game at Dens Park on Tuesday evening, August 4th, at 7.30 pm.

Another home game has been arranged for Saturday, August 1st, when Brechin will be the visitors.



LIVERPOOL and England defender Phil Neal took a break this summer to sign copies of his autobiography "Attack from the Back".

Phil chatted to shoppers and showed off the League Cup trophy. The European Cup was too heavy for him to carry.

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'Full England cap may have harmed me'

It was very flattering to hear that many people would have liked me to have been in the senior England party at the end of last season. Personally, I wasn't too disappointed. Time is on my side and if 1981/82 goes as well as last term I'll be delighted.

This time last year I was just a candidate to play alongside new signing Peter Withe. I was by no

**SOCCER
AS I SEE IT
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Shaw**



England boss Ron Greenwood knows the danger of pitching youngsters into the full side too early.

means certain of a place, so with this in mind I'm more than satisfied with the progress I made over the past 12 months.

My play became a little jaded towards the end of the season. Ron Greenwood has often said that playing a young player too soon can be a disaster, it can have an adverse effect rather than being a boost, and this may have been the case with me.

Simply being involved with the England set-up was a good experience for me. Mingling with players whom I look up to, and meeting Trevor Francis, for instance, was a boost. I've always admired Trevor, even when he was a Birmingham City player, and I found him a smashing chap.

I got to know the Under-21 players. When you meet up and play at home you don't have much time to chat, but on a trip you have to make your own enjoyment and we obviously spent a lot of time in each other's company.

I mixed with the senior players whenever I could and although I tended to keep myself to myself, just listening to them was fascinating.

It was a help to have Peter Withe there, although I was a little disappointed for Dennis Mortimer, Kenny Swain and Tony Morley who, on last season's form, could all have

made the trip.

I haven't found the jump from Youth to Under-21 football too big. It's important that youngsters have the opportunity to play in Division One. Many a promising Youth player hasn't progressed because he's not had the chance to play in the First Division. If you can survive at that level then international football shouldn't be too hard to come to terms with.

It is different, though. And I've noticed a marked distinction between playing at home and playing away.

For instance, we put five past the Swiss at Portman Road, yet in Neuchâtel they were more confident, even in front of just 1,500 fans. We played quite well in the 0-0 draw, although it was vastly different from the previous meeting.

Demanding

The day after I returned from Hungary I flew off again to join up with Villa in Los Angeles. I was looking forward to a rest, as it's been a demanding season and I know next time round I'll have to not only match but better the standards I set in 1980/81.

The two areas of my play that I want to improve on are my concentration and commitment. I tended to drift out of games and I must be alert for the entire 90 minutes. Experience, rather than training or coaching will teach me this.

Hopefully 1981/82 will be my third full season... but right now I'm enjoying a break before pre-season training begins in the last week of July.

Brian Wilson

Gary Shaw

Gary's Villa team-mate Dennis Mortimer on target against Everton.



REMEMBER the hue and cry when Trevor Francis became Britain's first million-pound player? Remember how the Press described every goal he scored as 'another slice off his mammoth transfer fee?'

Remember how seven-figure price tags became such a heavy cross to bear that they came close to ruining players like Steve Daley?

Well, just try to imagine the pressures on Diego Maradona — the world's first ten million dollar footballer.

How do you justify that price tag week after week?

No wonder Argentina boss Cesar Luis Menotti reckoned Maradona's move from Argentinos

logical reasons for a patch of bad form. It happens to all players at some time or another, and I'm a human being, not a machine."

Even so, Maradona soon learned that when you're worth ten million dollars, a lot of people are happy to kick you when you're down.

Another player's run of bad games would have been ignored, but Diego's poor form sparked off rumours — rumours that he refused to work hard in training, for example.

"That simply isn't true, though I will admit I went through a phase of not being able to train properly — and that's different.

"First there was my injury, and then I found that I had to play two or three matches a week — which makes it very difficult to do a lot of



Maradona (front row, centre) with his Boca team-mates — and fans!

MARADONA'S \$10 MILLION BURDEN

Juniors to Boca Juniors was a turning point in his career.

"This will make Diego grow up. At Argentinos he wasn't expected to win anything.

"Now he's got a price on his head and he'll have to learn to cope with all the pressures that brings."

GRIM TEST

As Argentina's Metropolitan Championship draws to a close, it looks as though Maradona has passed his first grim test, with Boca monopolising the top spot all season. But it hasn't been easy, as Diego is the first to admit.

"Yes, I had a spell of poor form midway through the season — just after I'd recovered from my injury.

"The worst part was when I didn't score in four consecutive games. I got desperate. I kept asking myself why I wasn't scoring.

"My mother asked me too. And my father. And my brothers. And my sisters. And the Press. And the fans . . . But you just can't find

work in training.

"We've been playing a lot of midweek exhibition games all over the continent and I'm not complaining, because this means good money for me (he receives a minimum of £5,000 per game) and useful profits for the club. No, people who say I don't train are just stupid."

Other Press reports suggested clashes between Maradona and manager Silvio Marzolini.

"At first we didn't really get on very well," admits Diego. "The

first day, he took me aside and told me he'd heard I was a loner who just went his own way without any contact with the rest of the squad, and that I always wanted preferential treatment.

"I was just astounded. It wasn't a very good start at all. Fortunately we've got to know each other better since then, and I think he realises he made a mistake.

MARKED MAN

"And obviously I'm even more of a marked man now than I was before — though I think the overall standard of Argentine football has gone up in the last few years, and I don't get easy games like I used to."

But when Diego was down, another kick came from an unexpected direction — an interview with Juan Carlos Heredia in which the River Plate striker claimed that the Press favoured Maradona and built him into a superstar by giving him falsely high match ratings.

The comments hit all the headlines. Inquests were held. Opinion polls were conducted.

"I just can't answer," says Diego. "Heredia can say what he likes. It's his right.

"Maybe the worst thing is that in all the inquests and opinion polls everyone seems to have doubts about my future.

"They say 'he's a genius, but . . . I can't understand why everybody is so worried about me just because I've had a few poor games. Believe me, I've been worried enough, without them worrying, too!'"

NO GOING BACK

Meanwhile there have been strong rumours that Maradona will be back at Argentinos Juniors next season, as Boca struggle to raise the cash they need to buy him outright.

"That would be a disaster. Just as I'm learning to live with the pressure, a return to Argentinos would be a terrible step back. I know ten million dollars is a lot of money, but I'm determined to prove I'm worth every cent of it."

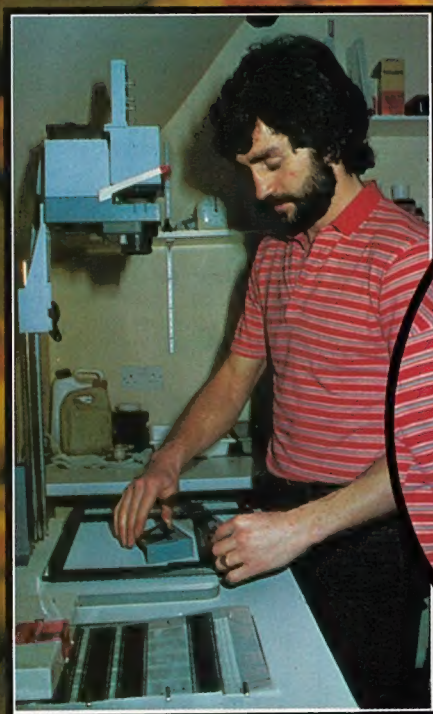
Maradona shows his form against Magalhaes of Platense during Boca Juniors' 4-0 victory.



SNAPPY DENNIS!



Dennis Mortimer is almost as clever with a camera as he is with a football. We spy on the Villa captain during a photo session at his home.





Aston Villa's Champion captain Dennis Mortimer has always nursed a secret ambition to be a Press photographer. And when he gets away from the pressures of leading Villa, he likes nothing better than to practice his art, with wife Jan and eight-month-old son Robert as willing models. Here we see Dennis not only clicking the shutter, but developing and printing the results in his own dark room. And as you can see by the end results — Dennis has a lot to be happy with.

This has to be the match of the day

GREGORY's life as a normal, healthy 16-year-old is a well-organised affair . . . until his place in the school team is taken by a girl!

From the first moment he sees Dorothy in training Gregory falls hopelessly in love. The events that follow can be seen in a super light-hearted comedy film starring Gordon John Sinclair and the lovely Dee Hepburn.

It is released in the UK through ITC Film Distributors.

Gregory's Girl



Dee and Gordon were taught some of the basic skills by Partick Thistle and Scotland 'keeper Alan Rough (left, centre).



IN his eventful five-year spell as manager of Brighton, Alan Mullery managed to steer what had always been regarded as a typical Third Division club which did not always realise its true potential into the First Division for the first time in the club's history.

Having inherited a side from Peter Taylor, who rejoined Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest after just failing to take Brighton into the Second Division, Mullery went one better at the first attempt.

And that was only the foretaste of what was to come as in the next season Brighton just missed out on promotion to the top flight.

They achieved this by beating Newcastle 3-1 at St James' Park in the final League match of the 1978-79 season.

But despite Mullery's confident prediction that Brighton would come through their tremendous test, the last two seasons have

MULLERY'S AMAZING JOB SWAP SAGA

been a constant struggle for survival.

Last season, speculation about Mullery's future at the Goldstone started when he was closely linked with vacant managerial positions at Crystal Palace and Chelsea.

His resignation last month stunned everybody connected with the club, but chairman Mike Bamber wasted no time in naming Mike Bailey as his successor.

Within a week of Bailey's appointment Mullery accepted an offer to take over at The Valley and so complete a remarkable managerial swap which took place as follows.

May 2: Speculation about Mullery's future as Brighton's man-

Mullery celebrates his arrival at Charlton with chairman Mike Gliksten.

ager continued despite their 2-0 victory over Leeds which assured them of another season in the First Division.

"I wouldn't want to give all this up easily — I like being a First Division manager too much.

"I've got my plans for next season and if the players show the same commitment that they have shown in the last four matches we'll be a very good side next season," Mullery commented.

May 5: Mike Bamber summons Mullery in for talks following rumours of Mullery being linked with the vacant managerial job at Stamford Bridge. Mullery himself scotches this possibility and adds that if he felt he couldn't do any more for Brighton he would walk out immediately.

Confirm

May 6: After discussing details of Mullery's new three-year contract (which Mullery had accepted) Bamber refuses to confirm a report that in cash terms it is worth £35,000 a year.

"I make a firm point of never discussing wages and salaries. The important thing is that Alan has now agreed to stay which means that we can continue our partnership," Bamber commented.

For the next six weeks Mullery's contract was in the hands of his solicitors, and it was not until the second week of June that there was any indication of the remarkable events which were to follow.

June 8: Four days before leaving for a family holiday in Malta, Mullery had further talks with Bamber and appears to be nearer to signing his contract. But with Brighton £500,000 in the red the talks also centre round a broad policy for next season.

June 12: On the day that Brighton's fixtures are announced for next season, Alan Mullery ends his

connection with the club in dramatic style. At a meeting attended by him, Bamber and two directors, Dudley Sizen and Tom Appleby, Mullery refuses to agree to cuts on his staff. After his departure Mullery stresses that the parting had been amicable.

"We shook hands and there's no going back on the decision although it's a sad day for me and for Brighton. Some people will think I'm crazy, but on a matter of principle it was something that had to be done. I'm not interested in slinging any mud about and nobody's going to get me to say anything against the Brighton chairman or directors.

"It's been a great chapter in my life and I've got some very happy memories. I shall never forget that it was Mike Bamber who gave me my first chance in management. But what happened at the meeting this morning forced me to leave the club.

"I haven't quit over a contract or over buying or selling players. The directors and I were together for two and a half hours and made it clear that I was putting myself under pressure by adopting my stance.

"But I wouldn't budge from certain proposals regarding members of the staff. I'm not worried about getting another job nor am I worried about not getting any compensation. All I want now is to get away and enjoy my holiday."

Before leaving for his holiday Mullery applied for the vacant manager's job at West Bromwich Albion.

July 1st: Mullery finally loses patience with West Bromwich Albion and accepts an offer from Charlton chairman Mike Gliksten which he describes as "one I would have found hard to refuse in normal circumstances. Now I can't wait to get started at The Valley," he added.



ALTHOUGH Brighton manager Mike Bailey has only seen his new club in action on the television and at reserve team level, he needed no prompting to apply for the vacancy caused by Alan Mullery's sudden departure from the Goldstone.

His track record — both as player and manager — also impressed

the final choice," Bamber explained.

Even before meeting his players for the first time, Bailey spoke enthusiastically about becoming Brighton's 12th post-War manager.

"Obviously coming to a First Division club was a big attraction, but I've felt for some time that

Bamber's next aim of bringing European football to Sussex.

But he refuses to commit himself on whether he will employ the same tactics which saw Charlton win ten of their away games last season.

"I think Brighton have done tremendously well in the last five years. For any club to stay in the

Bailey~Brighton's boss in 100

Mike Bamber who made no secret that Bailey was the front runner from the 100 applications he received for the job.

"Mike may be relatively inexperienced as a manager, but to my mind he proved himself by taking Charlton back to the Second Division at first attempt last season.

"That and our policy of giving young managers a chance here is why he was first choice from the ten names from which we made

Brighton is one of those clubs which has a bit of sparkle which made it all the more pleasing to know that they wanted me.

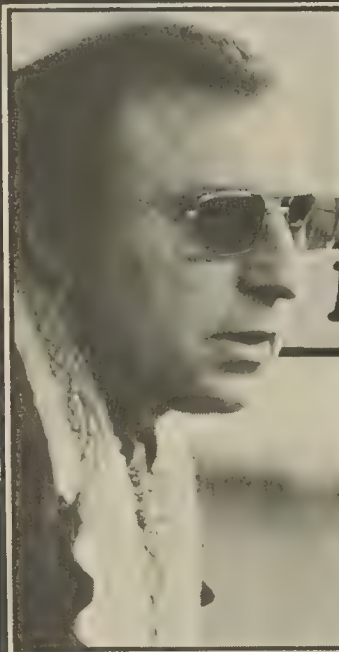
"You've only got to set foot in the club to see that it's alive, and there's so much potential here with players like Lawrenson, Robinson and Foster," he said.

Bailey is also convinced that having survived two seasons in the top flight, Brighton will take a big step forward in helping achieve

First Division after being promoted for the first time shows they must be learning what life is all about among the elite.

"It's difficult to say what tactics I'll use until I've seen the team play", Bailey continued, "at the moment I don't know what their strengths and weaknesses are.

"I was certainly an attacking player and enjoy that sort of game, which is why we'll adopt that sort of policy if possible."



MOST young footballers would have given their right leg to be noticed by that legendary figure Stanley Matthews. When he noticed me, he was the manager of Port Vale and I was a hopeful apprentice, 15 and fresh from school.

But the great man's words were like the kiss of death "You'd be well advised to find another career. You'll never make the top in football. You haven't got pace," he told me.

So there it was laid on the line. I packed my bags and went back to my native North-East, with no qualifications, because I had never had any other ambition than to be a footballer and so I paid no attention to school work. I still regret that, but I regretted it even more when I left Port Vale with a heavy heart.

I got a job in a sweet factory and the only worthwhile time of the week was Saturday afternoon, when I played in the local under-18 side.

Lack of pace didn't seem to hinder me there and it was better than being caged in a factory. Totally unknown to me, an Arsenal scout came to watch us one week.

The result was that I was invited to Highbury for a trial. Life can be a funny thing — not good enough for Port Vale, then invited to play for the most famous club in England. I went down to London like a shot.

Grand Scale

I must have passed the trial, because I was sent on a close season tour with the Arsenal youth side. I spent only two months as an apprentice and signed full pro forms on my 18th birthday in July.

Highbury was a real eye-opener to a kid like me. It was a real five star set-up, with even the simplest things done on the grand scale.

My highest ambition had been to play for Burnley, because, at that time, they had a lot of Geordies on their books, and my only experience was of Port Vale. Arsenal was a different world altogether.

When I moved from the youth team to the reserves, it was like joining the first team of many clubs. Every Saturday I played alongside players who are now established internationals and household names — Charlie George, Pat Rice, Sammy Nelson.

I had a dream debut with the first team. Arsenal had reached the Final of the old Fairs Cup (now the UEFA Cup) and the first leg was against Anderlecht away.

The rules permitted a squad of five reserves and I was one of them. I could hardly believe my luck. But the way the game went, Arsenal could have used all five reserves as well as the chosen eleven.

Seven minutes from time we were 0-3 down and I was told to go on. I suppose it was a gamble — but it paid off. The first time I touched the ball was with my head — and I scored.

All the next week I kept telling myself that, if the scores were level after the second leg, my goal

counted double. In fact it wasn't needed, because we won 3-0 at home.

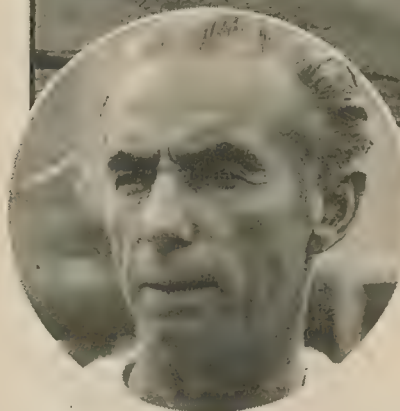
But I still like to think that my seven-minute appearance helped. In any case, I had won my first football medal.

After that, it was back to the reserves until next season. Then, after subbing a couple of times, I made my full debut in the North-East, in our away game against Sunderland at Roker Park.

I made a regular place when Charlie George broke a bone in his foot and I replaced him for an away match against Everton. After that, I played in the first team for the rest of the season.

That 1970-71 season was so fabulous that it is still talked

The Port Vale reject who became a hero at Highbury and Anfield. England star RAY KENNEDY tells his own story.



Sir Stanley Matthews (left) told Ray he was not good enough to make the grade with Port Vale. But Ray hit back to help Arsenal to the double in 1971 with an F.A. Cup Final victory over Liverpool (above). Since then, of course, Ray has moved on to Liverpool (right), where he has helped them to unrivalled success both at home and in Europe.

about. It was the last time that an English League club did the League and Cup double. What a last week it was.

We went to White Hart Lane on the Tuesday. If we won, we were Champions. If we lost, we were runners up. If we drew, it had to be 0-0, otherwise we lost the title on goal average.

Well, we won 1-0, took the title and the records have the scorer's name — Ray Kennedy. Again the goal was a header.

On the Saturday we ran on to the Wembley pitch for the F.A. Cup Final and our opponents, of all

people, were Liverpool. The last time the two clubs met, in Joe Mercer's time, Arsenal won.

We won again 2-1, Charlie George getting a beauty for the winner. I had won another medal, but I'd had to work a bit harder for this one.

Then Don Howe, the coach, left Arsenal. I had the Stanley Matthews experience all over again when the manager, Bertie Mee, told me that he was dropping me, because I wasn't showing any enthusiasm.

Again, the verdict hurt but it was right. I think that success had



'Told to quit football by the legendary Stanley Matthews'



Celebrating Liverpool's first European Cup triumph in 1977 (left) and with skipper Phil Thompson and the League Championship trophy at the end of the 1979-80 campaign (above).

Luxembourg 'keeper Moes Jeannot is left stranded as Ray (extreme left) scores for England in a World Cup qualifying game in October, 1977. England won the match 2-0.

come too early. In two seasons or so I had got what some players wait a lifetime to win.

Then another odd thing happened. While Mee was noting my lack of enthusiasm, Liverpool's scout must have been down and seen something else.

They made a bid for me and I moved to Anfield. But I still didn't enjoy my football and what I didn't know was that it was a change of position not a change of club that would solve my problem.

I had played up front for Arsenal

and the same happened at Liverpool. But I was in and out of the side and that did not help me to settle down.

I had always wanted to be a footballer but at the same time I always wondered if I really had the ability. Experience was beginning to suggest that I hadn't.

An injury to our number five, Peter Cormack and a canny move by the boss solved my problem.

"Ray," he said, "I want you to try playing midfield. I think you could do better there than up front."

I was willing to try anything that would give me a regular place and prove that I could make the grade in football.

It worked like a charm. In midfield, I seemed to have more time to do things and more scope to be creative. It was like living in a different world.

And my arrival at the top was confirmed when I was selected for the full England team, against Wales in Wrexham in March, 1976.

I even managed to score our first goal in a 2-1 victory which signalled the beginning of an enjoyable international career with many Liverpool team-mates.

Since then, I have never looked back and the only time I have lost my place was through injury. A couple of seasons ago, the Press,



who had often underlined that the 'Arsenal Wonder Boy' had never made it, blamed all Liverpool's struggles, including dismissal from the European Cup in the First Round, on my absence through injury.

Bob Paisley doesn't say much, but he let the Press know how glad he was when I finally recovered.

Of course, my career at Anfield has been even more success-laden than my time at Arsenal.

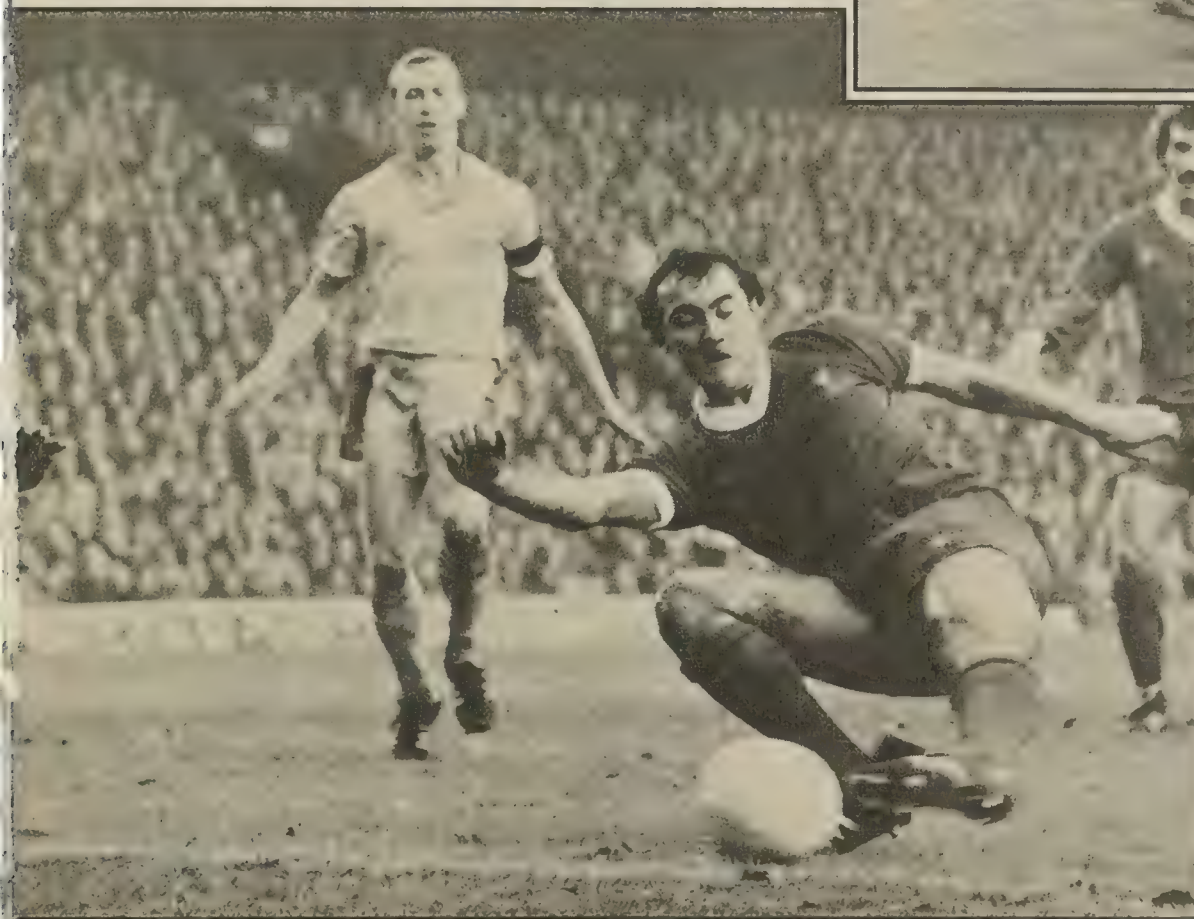
Playing for England on 17 occasions has been just one of the great bonuses of representing such a great club as Liverpool.

Winning the European Cup not once but three times is another retort I could send to Stanley Matthews, and as well as all that I have four League Championship medals, a UEFA Cup winners' medal and a host of other top honours to remind me of my achievements in the game.

No, I've never seen Stanley Matthews to ask him what he thinks of me now.

But I don't hold a grudge. Why should I? At the time, his judgment was right. He's still right about me not having enough pace for a striker.

But for a guy who's short of pace and always put a question mark over my own ability to make it... I don't think I've done too badly.



'First class return for Norwich'

claims JOE ROYLE

WITH Norwich City finally relegated at the end of last season, it means that next term Joe Royle will be playing League football outside the First Division for the first time since he made his debut there for Everton in January 1966, when he was three months short of his 17th birthday.

But despite the obvious disappointment at the loss of such an enviable record, Joe is adamant that his transfer from Bristol City, who had just been relegated to Division Two, in the summer of 1980, was a good move, and one he doesn't regret.

"For a start, it gave me another year of First Division football," said Joe. "If I'd stayed with City, I'd be playing in the THIRD Division next season," he pointed out.

"But it's not only that. My family and I have settled down really well in the Norwich area, which is a lovely part of the country to live.

"The people here have been tremendous. But probably most important of all, the footballing outlook of the club — their attitude to the game, and the way they like to play it — makes it a pleasure to be part of the set-up here.

"Obviously, I'd prefer to be continuing in the First Division next season," Joe went on, "just as the other lads would. But relegation is a fact of life, and the challenge we have to face up to now is to get back to where we feel we belong.

"All of us believe we were desperately unlucky at the end of last season. We started to play some really good football, which earned us some vital, morale-boosting victories. But in the end our fate was decided by the fine form of other clubs.

"Teams such as Coventry, Brighton and Sunderland, who had been dropping closer and closer to us and who we were confident of



overhauling at one stage, suddenly pulled off a couple of unexpected, last-gasp wins, which left us still a couple of points adrift at the death.

"I felt terribly sorry for Ken Brown," said Joe. "After he had taken over the manager's chair from John Bond, Ken suddenly found himself faced with a problem over Kevin Bond, which eventually resulted in Kevin's transfer to America.

"Had the boss been able to complete that move just a few weeks earlier, and use the money, as he did later, on strengthening the team, I've no doubt that we would have survived.

"But we all know we are capable of playing well together, because of the way we finished last term. And West Ham's success in getting out of the Second Division without having to abandon their fluent, attacking soccer, proves to us that as long as we apply ourselves in the same way, we are capable of exactly the same result.

"It's not going to be easy. Being former residents of the First Division, ours is going to be a scalp any number of teams will consider a prize to have under their belt.

"There are bound to be clubs, too, who will try to put us out of our stride by adopting a more physical approach to the game when they meet us.

'First Attempt'

"But we've got to overcome those problems, because I feel it's vital that we get out of the Second Division at the first attempt.

"The club's still geared to Division One. And the players will still be earning First Division money. But if we miss out, then people will start to regard us as a Second Division club. And the task will then become harder."

On a personal note, Joe was delighted to be chosen by the Norwich supporters as their Player of the Year, last season.

"It's an award I've never won before at any of my three previous clubs," he said. "And it's tremendously satisfying for any player to know that the fans are right behind him, especially following a season when their club had just been relegated.

"I only notched ten goals last term, and I know I should have scored more. But I was happy with my contribution to the team in other directions.

"Obviously, the fans saw it that way, too. I particularly enjoyed my partnership with Justin Fashanu. But whether we'll be teaming up again next season remains to be seen.

"All I'm sure of is that I'll be here, determined to do my bit in taking The Canaries back to where they belong — the First Division."

'Nothing third rate about Fulham'

declares new signing PETER O'SULLIVAN

ONE of the last things Alan Mullery did as Brighton's manager was to recommend Peter O'Sullivan, who was given a free transfer at the end of last season to Fulham.

Before Mullery's shock departure from the Goldstone he gave Fulham boss Malcolm Macdonald a glowing testimonial on his former long-serving midfielder player who joined The Seagulls on a free transfer from Manchester United 11 years ago.

"Sully's a superb pro," Mullery commented, "and I'm certain that he'll cakewalk the Third Division."

The challenge of helping Fulham regain their Second Division status was the main factor which influenced O'Sullivan to move to

Craven Cottage rather than to Portsmouth or Charlton, who had also made him offers.

"I'm sure we can win promotion if we adopt the right attitude — after all we've got a lot of experience and most of the players were with the club in the Second Division. There's nothing third rate about this club," O'Sullivan said.

Even though O'Sullivan found it hard to adapt to the demands of American football when he played for Santiago Sockers last summer, he does not envisage the same problem when he returns to the Third Division.

"The trouble in America was that I found myself playing in so many different positions. There shouldn't be any difficulties next

season — after all I played six seasons in the Third Division with Brighton so I do have some idea of what to expect."

Although it had been his intention to join a club in a lower Division last season, O'Sullivan has no regrets about having rejoined Brighton, for whom he only made a handful of appearances.

"I enjoyed coming back as nobody was expecting miracles from me. But I'd decided that I'd done all I could after the Norwich defeat and was a little disappointed when my proposed move to Portsmouth fell through just before the transfer deadline.

"Now I'm all out to have something to celebrate with Fulham at the end of next season."



THEY are owned by the Italian car giant Fiat . . . and we at Celtic are going to need all the drive we can muster to conquer Juventus and progress into the Second Round of the European Cup.

I would be lying to say that we would rather have had a big gun like the Italians than a small fish at this stage of the competition.

Juventus are a class outfit and it could hardly be tougher. Everyone at Parkhead knows that.

But Juventus are not unbeatable, as our old friends across Glasgow proved a couple of seasons ago. Rangers sent Roberto Bettega and company home with their tails

Rangers and Celtic will be able to do one another a big favour about making progress in the Euro tournaments, us in the Champions' Cup and John Greig's side in the Cup-Winners' Cup.

As well as Rangers having recent experience of Juventus, we will be facing their European opponents, Dukla Prague, in a pre-season tournament in Rotterdam at the end of this month.

It is a four-sided affair which also includes Anderlecht and the hosts

mention of an old friend with whom I spent my last weekend before getting back into training?

I took the wife and family down to see Eddie Gray and his family at their country home and spent a great time.

Eddie and I trained together and he is in great shape, really looking forward to the new season.

It's amazing how many times Eddie has been written off, but I can assure you that he's looking as good as ever.

He is delighted, too, to have brother Frankie back at Elland Road, but the way I see it is that Allan Clarke won't have the two of them competing for the left-back spot.

Eddie has just signed a new contract and looks good for the full-back spot with Frank in midfield. And look out for another Gray on the way up.

He is Eddie's seven-year-old son Stewart who has marvellous ball control and must be one for the future. He is all left foot but uses it with such style that he reminds me of a one time Scotland left winger who still plays for Leeds United.

A real chip off the old block! See you in two weeks

'LIAM BRADY - THE MAIN ATTRACTION'

Tartan Talk
DANNY McGRAIN



between their legs with a Euro exit for a souvenir. We plan to do the same.

The match will be a sell-out in Glasgow, with former Arsenal star Liam Brady the main attraction for the fans. At first I thought I had never played against Liam, but after racking my brains I remembered that I had indeed been confronted with that silky left foot once before.

It was on a close season tour four years ago when we went to Australia and met Arsenal. I remember that Paul Wilson scored twice in our 3-1 win over the London club.

Malcolm Macdonald was also in the Arsenal team at that time, but Brady really did stand out. I can only say that he can be as good as he likes against us — as long as he has no interest in the Second Round draw!

Funnily enough, despite my extensive football travels, the match against Juventus in Turin will be the first time I have played in Italy either for Celtic or Scotland.

But I am well aware that the supporters are fanatics over there, likely to go daft about their team at any time. I just hope we can build a lead in the first leg which will silence their enthusiasm for the return.

It is an interesting fact that

Feyenoord, but the Czech army team will be of special interest following that Cup draw.

That, too, will be tough for Rangers, but none of the Scottish representatives got it easy.

What about poor Aberdeen? Last year they went out of the European Cup at the hands of eventual winners Liverpool and now they face Ipswich, another class English side and holders of the UEFA Cup in which they clash.

Yet I go along with Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson, who promised a different Dons from the side who fell to the Merseyside club. He comments: "After the experience of Liverpool we will be prepared for this tie. There will be no pressure on us, pressure that we really did feel at Anfield.

'Brilliant'

"It will be difficult, but it is a brilliant game for the players and fans."

And while Dundee United will be delighted at not having to cross that Iron Curtain on a money losing UEFA venture, they won't be a certainty against Monaco.

All very tough . . . but very interesting. There is no doubt that the European draws bring a special magic all of their own and set football alight again after a summer of tennis brats and athletics. Football needs the break, but it's nice to be back.

Meanwhile can I tie up this week's Tartan Talk with a special

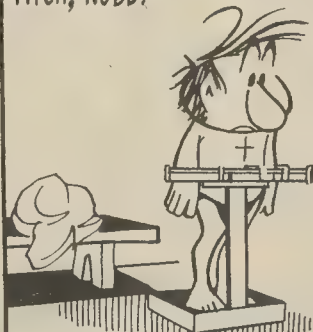


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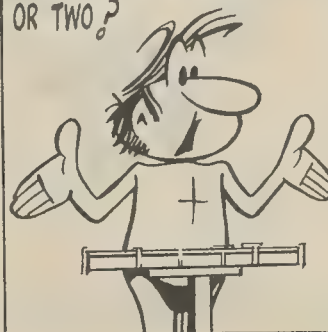
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SHOOT talks to JACK DUNNETT the new President of the Football League.

The man to lead a soccer revolution

FOOTBALL could have done itself the biggest favour for years by electing Jack Dunnett as President of the League, at the annual meeting in June.

The game is crying out for a change at the top. It needs a revolution to keep it from sinking. And Dunnett could be the man to provide it.

Dunnett, 57-year-old chairman of newly promoted Notts County and Labour MP for Nottingham East, beat Liverpool's John Smith, Jack Wiseman of Birmingham and Fulham's Ernie Clay to the prestige position.

And straightaway he was being hailed as the saviour of our ailing national game.

He takes over at the most difficult time in football's history. Most clubs are facing a financial crisis and Dunnett is aware that some could be forced out of business.

Full-time job

He does not want that to happen, is determined to prevent it — but makes it clear he cannot do it alone.

"I need the help of everyone in the game. I'm just the top man in the League structure — not an all-powerful dictator who will do things his way and disregard completely all other people," he says.

Dunnett is so keen to make a success of the job that he plans to devote all his time to it and make it a full-time occupation.

That means he will not be standing again as an MP at the next General Election and will leave his flourishing solicitor's business for others to run.

More cash from TV

Raising more money will be the main target for him. He is determined to keep the tills ringing to prevent clubs going to the wall.

That means the TV and Pools companies can expect to pay more when their contracts come up for renewal. And he will not rest until he gets shirt advertising allowed for televised matches.

"Obviously we have got to honour existing contracts with TV and the Pools. We signed them — so we must stick by them," he says.

"But we will make sure we do not undersell ourselves when we negotiate new deals with these people.

"In the case of TV, that is in two years time. That's when the

agreement runs out — and we will start talking about a new one long before that.

Frightening slump

"I have always been against football on television — and I have been proved right by the way it is affecting gates at matches.

"The slump in attendances — we lost a frightening 11 per cent last season — is the biggest problem we have to deal with and I blame the amount of football on the screen for that.

"There's too much of it shown and I intend to try and do something about that right now. I shall ask the TV companies for some concessions — and their attitude to our request will govern our attitude when we talk about a new deal with them.

Go-ahead for ads

"In the case of the Pools we must wait longer, for that

agreement has five years to run. They don't do football anything like the harm TV does — but I still think we should get more from them and that's what we will be after when the time comes.

"And I'm absolutely determined to get the go-ahead for clubs to wear advertising on their shirts for televised matches. I think it's ludicrous this is not allowed at present and to me it smacks of double-standards.

"When motor racing is televised you see Formula One cars with adverts and sponsor's names plastered all over them. At boxing you see it on the corner posts and there is no shortage of it at golf and tennis, either.

"Yet they won't stand for it from football — and in my view that is not right. They have a dog-in-the-manger attitude that has got to be changed."

Dunnett also shows sympathies to the problems of England manager Ron Greenwood and will do all he can to help him get

players released for international matches.

Help for Greenwood

He took office as England were in the middle of their most miserable run in history.

"We have got to make it possible for the England manager to have all his players available for international matches. The prestige of our country is at stake," he says.

"I don't happen to share the view that we don't have players of the right quality any more. We have got them — but they are no good to a manager who can't get hold of them.

"For the British Championship and the friendly against Brazil Mr Greenwood had to make do with a patched up team because so many of his players were wanted by Liverpool and Ipswich — who did so well in Europe last season.

No smaller League?

"It's that fixture congestion we must do something about first of all. It's ridiculous that all the important matches — for both clubs and national side — should fall at the same time.

"I'm not in favour of trimming down the Leagues, so you have a First Division of, say, 18 clubs. For a fixture pile-up only affects the most successful clubs — and there are only two or three of those each season.

"A smaller League would mean fewer fixtures. And clubs not in the race for honours would not be keen to lose the gate money if forced to play less matches.

"Running the England team is not a Football League problem. That's the responsibility of the F.A. But we are willing to help.

"We shall ask them what they want us to do — then do all in our power to try and help. A successful England team is vital for all of us."

Biggest problem

The man is clearly full of good ideas and good intentions. But these are not enough unless he can put them into practice.

His biggest problem will be to break through the barriers of self-interest. Everyone claims they are in favour of change and pledge their support in bringing it about — until it affects them.

When they see they might be adversely affected they suddenly change their tune and sit tight to protect their own interests.

If Dunnett can persuade them to put the game first he will earn himself a permanent place in history. For the sake of football we hope he does it.



England were missing many key players during the British Championship.

● Next week we speak to BERT MILLICHIPI, newly elected Chairman of the Football Association.

PAUL Price is not joining F.A. Cup holders Tottenham "all starry-eyed — looking forward to Championships, Cups and playing in European competition."

The practical, unruffled Wales central-defender says: "Spurs have paid £250,000 for me . . . and all that guarantees is a place in their first team squad.

"I've got to prove first and foremost that I'm good enough to play at the top level in the First Division."

It is a highly modest self-assessment by the 27-year-old former Luton Town captain.

His displays in 11 consecutive internationals for Wales have shown him to be one of the most poised defenders in British football.

Finest

"Being lucky enough to win caps for Wales is undoubtedly one of the finest things that has ever happened to me," agrees Price.

"It has enabled clubs that were interested in me to have a long, careful look and put my performances into perspective.

"That is particularly important when you play in a lower Division. With money as tight as it is now, it is very much a vital decision. Playing for Wales has been a terrific boost."

It was only in the 1980 British Championship matches that Price "took off" as an accomplished defender of outstanding skill. His debut against England in a 4-1 victory stamped him as one of the finest discoveries for years. But was it too late?

"Yes, I had already started on my testimonial season after ten years at Luton when the chance came to join Spurs," he says.

"I had never let the First Division prey on my mind. If it came, it came: if it didn't, I still played for an outstanding club in Luton."

Typically, however, Price insisted on 24 hours to think over his decision.

"I believe that you should assess every step in a businesslike way. It wasn't a question of leaving a club where I had been happy all my career or of testimonial season problems. It was purely to think things over in peace and quiet and come to a positive decision."

Price will be badly missed at Kenilworth Road where his testimonial season would have been a big hit — although Luton supporters will still have a chance to express their appreciation of his loyalty because a Spurs v Luton match in his benefit will be held early this coming season.

"I don't think that they will begrudge me the chance to improve myself. I accept that Luton is the kind of club where a player has to be sold now and again to keep the books straight and it was obvious that they would let me go.

"It was manager David Pleat who put me in the picture about Tottenham and, as Luton had me under contract, it was not a case of me putting them under pressure. They need not even have told me about Spurs' interest."

It was a Wales victory against Scotland in this year's British Championship which convinced manager Keith Burkinshaw that Price was the man needed to bond together one of the First Division's more fragile defences.

PRICE RIGHT FOR SPURS

Along with the shrewd advice of former manager Bill Nicholson sitting alongside him at Swansea's Vetch Field, Burkinshaw watched Price hardly put a foot wrong in a 2-0 triumph.

Only one man was missing, Paul's Merthyr-born father. It was on a trip home a few years ago that he read of problems in the Welsh central defence with David Jones, Dave Roberts and Ian Evans all sustaining serious injuries.

He brought the newspaper cuttings back to his son and told him "You are Welsh too, through me. Have a go."

Paul acted at once and has never looked back since . . . but, sadly, his father died before he won that first cap.



Price helps Wales beat the Scots in the recent British Championship.

At 27, it did seem that the First Division might pass him by but, just three days before he put his name to paper at Kenilworth Road, Price was informed of Tottenham's keen interest.

"I was flattered. It was a tremendous opportunity to better myself."





PAUL MARINER
Ipswich Town and England

Paul Mariner



SCOTLAND are only 90 minutes away from booking their third successive place in World Cup Finals...

That's the situation at the moment, thanks to 'no hoppers' Sweden! Scotland supremo Jock Stein broke off from a family holiday in Switzerland recently to travel to Stockholm to watch section rivals Sweden play Portugal — and the former Celtic manager left the ground beaming brightly.

He had just witnessed a 3-0 victory for Sweden... a result that

granted," says Stein. "There is still a long way to go, but I must admit we are in a good position."

"Scotland will be careful, though. The situation in our group seems to change with every game."

"Sweden's win over Portugal, for instance, must be a good result for Northern Ireland. It brings them back into the reckoning."

"But, unlike the other teams in the qualifying group, we are in complete control of our own destiny and do not have to hope for any 'favours' from opponents."

Scotland's next World Cup task is against the rejuvenated Swedes

with a point in a goalless draw and Ireland also took a point in a 1-1 stalemate.

Jock Stein senses the mood of the determined Swedes and says: "They have a wonderful World Cup record and are a proud nation. We never take anything for granted and when they come to Glasgow they will be treated with the utmost respect they certainly deserve."

But, unless there is an unforeseen collapse in form of the international side, it looks as though Scotland will be in Spain trying to atone for that colossal flop in

Scotland's boss wants England to reach Spain



Greame Souness helps Scotland during the goalless draw with Portugal at Hampden

at Hampden on September 9 and an all-ticket crowd of 88,000 is expected for this dramatic duel.

Two points from this fixture will just about ensure Scotland's trip to Spain and the World Cup Finals next summer.

Victory would leave Scotland with two games away from home against Billy Bingham's Ireland (at Windsor Park on October 14) and Portugal (at the Stadium of Light, Lisbon, on November 18), and to cement their place in the Spanish sunshine only one point out of a possible four would make it absolutely certain of a place in the Finals to follow West Germany and Argentina.

Stein is adamant that Scotland will try to win in Belfast and Lisbon no matter what result they achieve against Sweden at Hampden.

Yet the Scots failed to beat either the Portuguese or the Irish when they played them at Hampden. Portugal, playing a dull, defensive formation, came away

Argentina three years ago when they nosedived out of the competition amid squalid stories of drug-taking and drinking.

The players are in no mood for a repeat of those events, and there is no way they could happen under the rule of Stein.

Secretly the Scotland boss wants to see England reach the World Cup Finals as well, not just for the sake of British soccer but also to take some of the pressure off his own squad.

He knows the major cash and promotion offers will be attracted by the more glamorous England side, and that is just what he would like — leaving his men free to concentrate purely on the footballing side.

Jock Stein has said right along that his main aim as manager was to take a side to Spain that would do Scotland proud.

Sweden in September is the next stepping stone towards achieving that goal.

puts Scotland firmly in the driving seat in Group Six. And, a few weeks beforehand, Stein had again left the same stadium with a huge smile after Sweden's 1-0 triumph over the menacing Northern Ireland.

"We're not taking anything for

S.T. MIRREN goalkeeper Billy Thomson has just one aim in soccer — to add to his three Scotland international caps by becoming his nation's first choice 'keeper.

"I enjoy playing for my country

have to leave Firhill and that's why I was so happy to sign for St. Mirren three seasons ago.

"I feel my career has really taken off since that move and now I want to continue the progress at club and country level."

Thomson's spectacular rise in form has brought the expected

Thomson's challenge

— which true Scot doesn't — and I desperately want that No.1 jersey," he says.

"I began my senior career with Partick Thistle and made the odd first team appearance, but I was never given an extended run due to the consistency of Alan Rough, now the regular Scottish 'keeper."

"Alan is a fabulous goalkeeper, believe me. He might get a fair bit of criticism, but all goalkeepers must be used to this."

"Anyway, I realised if I wanted regular first team football I would

hordes of scouts from big money English clubs to Paisley, but manager Ricky McFarlane is determined to hold onto his star property.

"When Malcolm Allison was in charge of Crystal Palace last season, I received a phone call from a scout with the Selhurst Park club," says McFarlane.

"He let me know he was interested in Billy and I put a figure of £750,000 on his head. In today's market that's what I believe he is worth. He is a young man with a



great future ahead of him and everyone hopes he spends it with this club."

Thomson, bought for a bargain £50,000 by former Saints boss Jim Clunie, is in no rush to move.

"I'm still working at my game," he says simply. "Goalkeepers learn a thing or two in every game. You must not stand still for a moment. You must continue to improve and advance."

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NOW IN THE WEST END

ALL OVER LONDON FROM AUGUST 2
AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY



Terry, born in Bradford, started out as a professional with Leeds United under Don Revie in 1965-66. In 1971, he was transferred to Newcastle for a paltry £30,000, a signing which the then Gallowgate boss Joe Harvey described as one of his most inspired.

And it was Hibbitt's gifted left foot, plus unerring ability to spot gaps in opposing defences, which led to his creating some epic goals for Malcolm Macdonald before Terry was sold to Birmingham City in 1975 by Gordon Lee.

Hibbitt's transfer shocked Newcastle fans, and Terry recalls: "My move to Birmingham was a surprise to me. When Malcolm Macdonald and others were sold United suffered a blow from which they have never recovered."

Later, shortly after Newcastle were relegated to Division Two, Lee's successor, Bill McGarry, took Hibbitt back to St James' in the summer of 1979 for his second spell on Tyneside.

WHY HIBBITT HAD TO QUIT...

NEWCASTLE United's Terry Hibbitt has decided to end his playing career after an operation on his knee. And the small, dynamic midfielder confesses he spent some agonising hours in thought before resolving to hang up his boots.

"Football has been everything to me," says Terry. "It was difficult to tell myself that this was the end of the playing bit — but if I had continued to turn out there was every chance that I would be reduced to hobbling around by the time I was middle-aged."

"The specialist who examined my knee in London told me that it just wasn't up to the demands that professional soccer would make on it if I tried to keep on playing."

"After my cartilage operation, it seems that there was trouble with a piece of bone in my knee, and the complications arising from this were enough to put paid to my chances of making a full recovery."

"So the risk was too great. I'm hoping to have many years ahead of me yet, and don't want my future impaired by suffering from arthritis in the knee at the age of 40."

But while Hibbitt regrets quitting the game, he looks back with satisfaction on a career that embraced three clubs. He says: "I was happy at Leeds, Newcastle and Birmingham."

"I love the area and will always be grateful for the fact that in my enjoyable life in football, it was Joe Harvey who introduced me to regular first-team soccer and the wonderful Newcastle supporters," says Terry.

"But I have no self-pity now that I've had to give it all up, because football has been good to me. And at 34, I'm not exactly a youngster."

"I'm looking for ways to stay in football, perhaps in management or coaching. But I won't rush into anything and will seriously consider all offers, including those which would mean being employed outside the game."

'Important'

"After living in the North-East for eight years, there is no way I want to leave it. My wife is settled here and my children are at an age when it's important that their schooling isn't disrupted."

Since Hibbitt's introduction to League soccer in the 1960's there have been changes in the game, on and off the pitch — but to Terry, the biggest change concerns the attitude of the players.

"In recent times, players seem mainly concerned with their own welfare and less inclined to give their backing to a colleague. What I would like to see is a revival of the old-fashioned team-spirit."

For Terry Hibbitt, in the future, Newcastle fans will wish only the best — he will give 100 per cent to whatever he does.

TERRY Curran, Sheffield Wednesday's dynamic winger, was in sparkling form at Hillsborough the other day.

Officially the team was supposed to be enjoying the close season break but Terry, keeping in trim with games of squash, had called in at the ground to join half a dozen other players in a five-a-side game and some weight training under the ever watchful eye of manager Jack Charlton, fresh from a three-week holiday in Indonesia.

Curran, one of football's most colourful characters paced around after the training, offering a friendly chat to everyone in sight, and was clearly impatient for the new season to get under way.

He had just sold his house in Barnsley and moved to Sheffield. He nodded at the stadium and said "I'd rather spend my time here than wasting time anywhere else."

America beckons him. He had spent a week in San Diego and had been offered a job, coaching youngsters there this summer, which he was deliberating.

On his first visit he had watched San Diego play Atlanta and then Fort Lauderdale Strikers. Indisputably the Yanks would take to his skill, speed and personality. The

big question is when will he make the final break here?

"I wouldn't want to leave it late like some players do," he claimed. "They go at the end of their careers and are just looking for a good time."

"Now it's getting more demanding than they anticipate. It's more than a holiday... It's about winning over there."

"They love you to express yourself. They like you to do your bits and pieces... but they expect you to be very competitive!"

"I don't want to go at the age of 30 and not be able to put myself about in the game. I will be seriously thinking about it when my contract expires next season."

'Persuade'

He surprised us when we asked if only First Division football would keep him in England.

"Not really..." he replied "it all depends on the offer from Sheffield Wednesday. I think they are the only club in the country who could persuade me to stay."

"Last season we lacked a bit of experience — otherwise we played quite well. We've got to learn from our mistakes, that's all. After all, we are a young side. The foundations are there and the team must just keep working at it. As long as we keep playing as a team there will be nothing to stop us."

...AND CURRAN MAY LEAVE WEDNESDAY



"We've got three good centre-backs and new signing Jim Holton will be a good help. Mark Smith is one of the coolest defenders I've seen in a long time and he is bound to follow up his Under-21 caps by qualifying for the national side."

"Once Peter Shirliffe really starts believing in himself there will be nothing to stop him either and, of course, there's Mike Pickering, out of the side through injury for most of last season, who is getting his confidence back. You can take it from me there's going to be quite a fight for the places at the back."

He was confident about Wednesday's chances — "Obviously one or two good teams have come down and stand a chance of going back up and I think Q.P.R. could do a West Ham job in the Second next season. But I still say that promotion is there ready to be taken by us!"

"Obviously, I would love another chance to play in the First Division, and ideally it would be with Wednesday."

"But I must admit I am very tempted by the American scene and would love to be part of it at some stage in my career. I can't say when that will be at the moment, but I think I will be out there within the next couple of years."

IT'S the "knocking" season in football. According to the critics, there's nothing right with our game and it's on the way to the graveyard.

One of their main complaints is the shortage of "characters" coming through, youngsters blessed with outstanding talent and personality. Critics mainly blame coaches for stifling individuality by forcing youngsters into a stereotyped "robot" mould.

What they fail to realise is that the one-off player who can turn on ten minutes of magic and 80 minutes of mediocrity is outmoded. Today's game demands the ability to be involved from first whistle to last and to operate in several different positions if required.

So the first priority of coaches is to produce players who meet those requirements. But it's nonsense to believe that in the process they

become a true World star.

Another player of outstanding potential I'd bracket with Glenn is Arsenal's Graham Rix, who only needs to build up his work-rate to establish himself as an England regular.

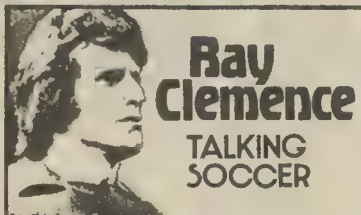
Glenn's Tottenham team-mate, Garth Crooks, has hurtled into prominence since leaving Stoke. He possesses the main requirement of a top striker: the ability to be in the right place at the right time.

Not only can he take goals, he can make them too — as his partner, Steve Archibald, winner of the Daily Express/Adidas award as top scorer in the First Division, willingly testifies.

Over the other side of Stanley Park from Anfield, a certain young midfielder must take a large slice of the credit for helping Everton finish in mid-table. Without Steve McMahon, Goodison would be suffering an even worse case of the blues.



'FEWER STARS IN THE MAKING...'



deliberately breed out of their charges any extra-special qualities.

However, I must admit the game has fewer young players capable of one day finding a place in its Hall Of Fame.

For the purpose of this column I've picked out those who particularly impressed me last season and who, in my opinion, are likely to go on to greater things.

Determination

Glenn Hoddle, Spurs' England international, a lad of exceptional talent, at last showed traces in his make-up of a vital ingredient previously missing: the stamina and determination to be one hundred per cent involved in a game.

He has everything else: fine ball control, vision, accuracy with both feet, and the knack of giving opponents problems at free-kicks.

But in the F.A. Cup Final replay against Manchester City, he was perpetual motion, fighting for the ball in every position. He played a key part in Spurs' deserved win.

Yet only a week later, against Wales in the British Championship, Glenn backslid into his old routine, tiring badly in the second-half.

If he can conquer this problem — and I'm sure he will — Glenn will



'Everton's Steve McMahon reminds me of Stiles'

Steve reminds me so much of World Cup winner Nobby Stiles with his fierce, never-give-up battling and utter fearlessness.

He can also get superb goals. Against Spurs at Goodison, he dribbled past two defenders to score.

His equivalent at Liverpool is Sammy Lee, now recognised by all as a First Division player.

What makes Sammy run is his utter dedication to the club. There is no finer example of a club man at Anfield. He's always first changed for training, always does more than our trainers demand, and at the end of a gruelling match he's still bubbling in the dressing-room.

'If Glenn Hoddle can overcome his problem, he'll be World class'

composure at right-back.

Southampton look to have another Kevin Keegan in Steve Moran, a tireless worker, very quick, and best kept outside the penalty area where he can be deadly. He has a spring-heeled jump, as I discovered when he headed the ball past me at The Dell.

Nottingham Forest have found an able replacement for Martin O'Neill in Gary Mills, a player with pace and the ability to knock over defence-wrecking crosses.

Then there's . . . but I've run out of space. Which only goes to prove there are more up-and-coming youngsters around than I imagined.

Gary Shaw made a major contribution to Aston Villa's winning of the Championship in his first full season. He's taken a lot of weight off Peter Withe. Very quick on the turn, he packs a powerful shot in either foot.

And Steve Mackenzie helped take Manchester City clear of relegation and into the F.A. Cup Final. His volleyed goal in the replay must be one of the best ever scored at Wembley — in any competition.

He's only 19, and the mind boggles at what he can achieve if he continues to improve.

The youngster to watch at Man. United is Mike Duxbury, who doesn't seem to be embarrassed in whatever position he's selected for. Against us, he showed tremendous

Ray Clemence

Six of Britain's past stars
give their expert views on . . .

HOW TO

Moore welcomes the experiment with artificial turf which Queens Park Rangers are pioneering. He argues: "Playing on it could be the biggest step forward yet."

"It is like playing on a billiard table and is the best surface of all, because of its consistency, for bringing out players' skills."

Nevertheless, Moore acknowledges the apparently insoluble problem of too many matches handicapping successful clubs. Ipswich, the UEFA Cup winners, fulfilled 65 fixtures last season.

"We can hardly change the format of such a prestigious competition as the F.A. Cup," says Bobby.

"I can't see the Final being played at any other time than the end of the season, and yet it is invariably those clubs in the F.A. Cup and Europe who are penalised most."

"Football officials will have to sit down and give it a lot of thought."

'Give players more freedom'

DENIS LAW

DENIS Law (below) was a fiery striker for Huddersfield, Manchester United and Manchester City. He was unique in talent and had defences terrorised with his menacing style of play.

His 30 goals are a Scotland record, and he sees most of his

football now as a BBC radio commentator. He regrets that too much talent is put in a straightjacket.

"Teams are machines," he says.

"That is why attendances are falling. People want to see talent and flair. Sides like Manchester United and Spurs of the 50's and 60's are no more."

"We must have skill and artistry. Method is necessary within the whole team plan, but there is no substitute for flair."

"Give players more freedom to express their individual skills."

"The number of exciting young players coming on to the scene at present can be counted on the fingers of one hand — yet these are the kind needed to save the game."

"Attendances have never been lower, and now is the time to do something positive about bringing the crowds back."



'Attack, attack, attack'

JIMMY GREAVES

JIMMY Greaves (above) played for Chelsea, AC Milan, Tottenham and West Ham. In 57 games for England he scored 44 goals, a figure exceeded only by Bobby Charlton's 49. He sees football's problems this way: "I think the lack of excitement is down to policy rather than performance."

"You can't expect one man in



'Play fewer matches'

BOBBY MOORE

BOBBY Moore, World Cup-winning captain in 1966, played for England a record 108 times. The former West Ham and Fulham central defender says: "When you build a house you build on strong foundations first."

"Young players need to learn the business. When I first signed for West Ham at 17 I was playing for the reserves once a week."

"I learned gradually. Today, young players tend to be rushed into things."



IMPROVE THE GAME

the box, on his own, to be successful. In the best days of Spurs, Bobby Smith and I worked off each other.

"Peter Withe is a player I respect, but I think England made his job more difficult by not giving him someone to lay the ball off to.

"I don't think we can moan too much about defensive attitudes because last season proved that teams with the quality and nerve to attack can become winners — Ipswich the UEFA Cup, Spurs the FA Cup, Liverpool the League Cup and Aston Villa the Championship.

"I am not yet convinced that the game is reverting to the aggressive styles of 20 years ago, but it certainly looks as though we are starting to head back in that direction.

"I just hope more managers see sense and adopt attacking policies. Attack, attack, attack. That's what's needed."

Greaves conceded that violence at football grounds is a big problem.

"In my days", he says, "kids were brought up with more discipline. If 20 of us had walked up a main street shouting we would probably have been arrested.

"Now they can hide under the banner of being football fans.

"I think all-seater stadiums do away with special atmosphere that football matches traditionally generate, but if the hooligan problem gets worse, more on those lines will have to be done.

"Coventry's decision to go all-seater from next season will guide the game in England one way or another."

'Restore maximum wage limit'

JACKIE MILBURN

JACKIE Milburn (right) played all his football for one club, Newcastle, and was their principal striker in the F.A. Cup-winning sides of 1951, 1952 and 1955.

"Wor Jackie", the legend on Tyneside who now divides his time between football journalism and boys' soccer, says: "Unless we restore the maximum wage limit, the game will be completely part-time by 1990.

"By then, players will come and train two or three times a week and play on Saturdays.

"Clubs cannot, and will not, be able to afford to pay the present level of wages. They are already cutting back.

"The special occasions are still being supported as well as ever, but the bread and butter games are attracting no jam."

'More support for England'

NAT LOFTHOUSE

NAT Lofthouse (right), ex-Bolton Wanderers centre-forward, was a man who took great pride in the 1950's in representing his country. Which is why he is deeply concerned at England's present struggle to become a real force at international level.

Once known as the "Lion of Vienna" for his sterling performance in an English shirt in that city, Nat feels that Ron Greenwood's side suffers because of lack of co-operation from League clubs, plus other factors.

He says: "An England manager has to face the fact that two days after he has selected a squad, he can find that four or five players in his squad are not available to him. Success is difficult in these conditions.

"Abroad, countries give priority to their international teams, and I think that is the way we should operate here.

"Also, I believe that the media is at times over-critical. For example, the Press is not always conscious of the problems confronting players, any more than the players are aware of difficulties associated with Press work.

"Morale can drop quickly in a dressing room when a team is



receiving adverse publicity.

"On the field, the England players could be more positive, and here I am thinking mostly about the forwards.

"Former players such as Bobby Charlton, Francis Lee and Malcolm Macdonald were ready to have a go, to shoot at the drop of a hat, and this spirit is generally lacking in our football today."

On the subject of finance in the game, Lofthouse is emphatic. He says: "I was always for players being decently paid, better than they were in my playing days. But now they are frequently asking for too much and not giving value for money, when so many clubs are struggling to make ends meet."

'Too many critics'

TOM FINNEY

LIKE Milburn, Tom Finney (below), was a one-club man. He played on Preston's right-wing until the last quarter of his career when he moved to deep-lying striker.

In 76 games for England, he occupied four forward positions and scored 30 goals.

Now a businessman in his native Preston, he says: "I still see a lot of good in the game. I am president of Preston and I wouldn't have accepted the honour if I had not known I was going to get almost as much pleasure from that office as I did from playing.

"Like Nat Lofthouse, I believe there are too many people knocking the game. But I do think some of the players' attitudes have changed.

"In my playing days, we did what we were told. I don't like to see players refusing to play for England, or even their clubs.

"They are professionals, and there is nothing wrong in doing what the guv'nor asks.

"Even the bosses have disciplines. I know because I am one. I run my own firm, and I can't walk out simply because I have other problems."



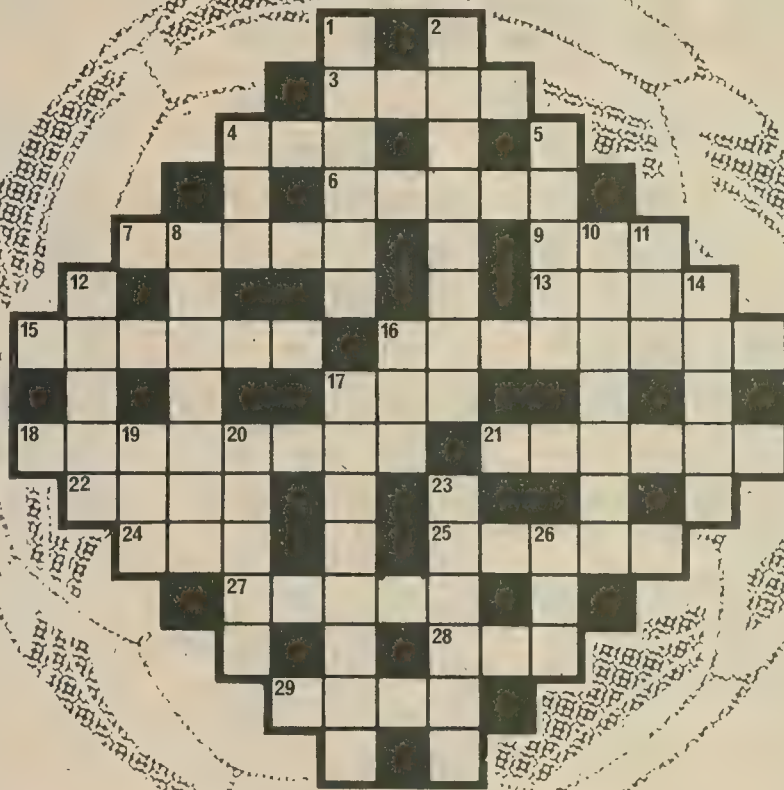
ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

ACROSS:-

- (3) Abbreviation applied to the county of the club from Manor Road. (4)
 (4) Shock or jolt. (3)
 (6) M-----well are managed by Ally MacLeod. (5)
 (7) Take Road from Doncaster and make perfume from the remainder. (5)
 (9) Rearrange three consecutive letters from Queens Park to give a snake. (3)
 (13) "The ---", ground of Halifax Town. (4)
 (15) Steve ---, Ipswich Town utility player. (6)
 (16) Unequal or unmatched. (8)
 (17) A drink from the ground in Clue 24. (3)
 (18) Manager of Manchester City. (4 & 4)
 (21) Second home or away match of a two-leg contest. (6)
 (22) Common fund of money, players, etc. (4)
 (24) Initially the club from Deepdale. (3)
 (25) Many top players have one to look after their affairs. (5)
 (27) David ---; Dundee

United and Scotland star. (5)

- (28) Illuminated. (3)
 (29) Without support. (4)
DOWN:-
 (1) Petar ---, Chelsea 'keeper. (6)
 (2) Terry ---, Middlesbrough winger. (8)
 (4) --- Gallagher, Birmingham City defender. (3)
 (5) Cover for the playing surface! (5)
 (8) Mike ---, Southampton striker. (7)
 (10) Peter ---, Nottingham Forest 'keeper. (7)
 (11) Shin protector. (3)
 (12) Exclusive news. (5)
 (14) "Long" from the middle letters of Newcastle, Crewe, Swansea, Everton & Clyde. (5)
 (16) --- Etonians won the F.A. Cup in 1879. (3)
 (17) Peter ---, Millwall player-manager. (8)
 (19) Jump on one leg. (3)
 (20) Mix well. (5)
 (23) Peter or Tommy of Orient. (6)
 (26) If Cambridge, Luton & Ipswich give "BOW"; what do Aldershot, Watford and Port Vale give? (3)



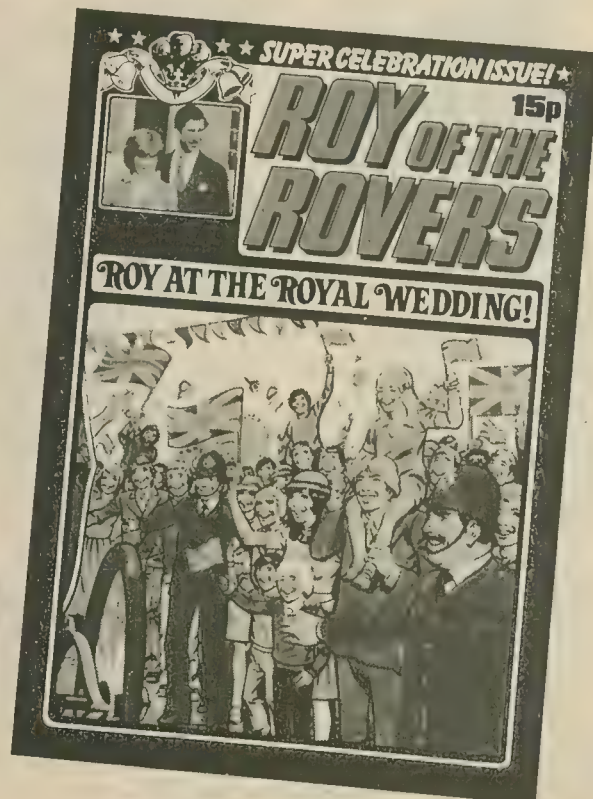
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MORE British transfers in the NASL... Alex Cropley has left Aston Villa for Toronto Blizzard, while fellow Scot Duncan Davidson has joined Tulsa Roughnecks, although he'll be returning to Aberdeen at the end of the American season.



Super Cup competition

THERE'S a remarkable line-up for next year's Super Cup Winners Tournament to be held in Milan.

Bayern Munich, Real Madrid and Boca Juniors have already agreed to join one of the Milan teams for a star-studded event.

Now the organisers are hoping that Liverpool will play as well.

Lozano's hopes

STRANGE situation in Belgium surrounding Anderlecht's Juan Lozano. Of Spanish origin, he has lived in Belgium since he was ten and has been hoping to become a naturalised Belgian.

Indeed, he had been labelled the successor to Wilfried van Moer in the national team. Unfortunately the authorities decided against giving Lozano the necessary papers as the player had spent six months in the USA, playing for the Washington Diplomats AND it was thought Lozano asked for naturalisation to avoid Spanish military service.

His reaction: "I can't believe it. I'll never ask again. My aims now are to play well for Anderlecht in the European Cup next season, so well that I'll be picked for the Spanish World Cup squad.

"Then I hope Spain play Belgium in the Final and I score the winning goal."

Sweeper Ondrus a striker

ANTON ONDRUS, captain of the Czech team that won the 1976 European Championships and reached third place in the same series last summer in Italy, staged a six-month strike, refusing to play for his club Slovan Bratislava or the Czech national team.

Official reports say he is injured, but Ondrus appears to be annoyed that having been promised freedom to join a professional club in Western Europe when he was 30, was not allowed to go.



TITA'S SWOLLEN HEAD

BRAZIL boss Tele Santana has been having a few problems with his gifted right-winger Tita (left).

For while Santana, and his club Flamengo, both agree that his best position is out wide, Tita disagrees.

In fact, he says if he can't play in the central striker's role, he won't play anywhere. He would rather sit on the bench.

The problem is that the role Tita so desperately seeks is currently occupied by his

Flamengo team-mate and Brazilian superstar Zico.

Tita flatly refuses to listen to advice from family, friends or colleagues, and many now believe he is suffering from a swollen head and an exaggerated estimate of his own worth.

With the World Cup Finals less than a year away, Tita must either compromise... or watch his country (probably) win the competition without him.

Hong Kong wants our players

GO East, young man... that could be the solution for Britain's unwanted footballers.

More than 200 players have been put on the free transfer list. And the odds are that many will have to find a job outside football.

But they could yet stay in the game. Hong Kong, 7,000 miles away in the South China Sea, are interested in snapping up our young soccer talent.

And any young player who takes the plunge will find two differences from England... attendances in this British Colony are booming and there is virtually no crowd violence.

A good standard player can expect £1,000 a month in a hot and steamy spot where the cost of living and taxation is low.

Jackson Yu, secretary of the Hong Kong FA, says: "Housing is expensive over here. But our clubs are keen to sign English players and I'm sure they will be able to

come to some arrangement."

Obviously the standard is lower than England but the coaches out there place tremendous emphasis on skill.

One player currently enjoying life in Hong Kong is Ricky Hep- polette, the former Preston and Orient player. He plays for Eastern in the First Division.

The Hong Kong First Division consists of just 11 clubs which means 20 League matches a year. But the teams make up for that by playing at least four Cup competi- tions!

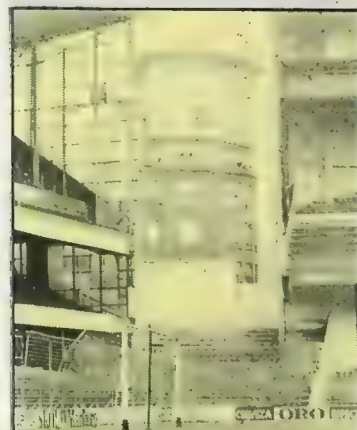
There is one more strange fact about soccer Hong Kong style.

All the clubs share the same two stadiums which would seem to point to an appalling playing surface.

We don't know what their secret is, but at the end of the season, one pitch still had virtually a full covering of grass... and that was after more than 200 games!

Details of the three European Cups for 1980/81:

	Matches	Wins	Draws	Away wins	Home wins	Away Goals	Extra-time wins	Penalty deciders	Goals
EC	63	51	12	17	33	2	—	—	166
ECWC	65	54	11	10	43	1	1	—	176
UFAA	126	98	28	27	71	6	3	2	376
	254	203	51	54	147	9	4	2	218



World Cup Stadiums STILL behind schedule

PROGRESS on the modernisation work at five of Spain's 17 World Cup stadiums is still cause for concern, with the big kick-off now less than 50 weeks away.

At Vigo, work has only recently started and it remains to be seen whether the backlog can be made up.

At Gijon there's been a serious delay due to problems encountered at the piling stage, and the laying of foundations has had to be re-programmed.

Work is behind schedule in Zaragoza. In Bilbao (seen here) work began almost a year behind the original schedule, and the delay has been aggravated even further by, firstly, Athletic Bilbao's long Cup run that has kept the stadium in use after the League season had finished.

And secondly a mass sit-in by hundreds of unemployed construction workers, incensed that the men employed on the modernisation contract had been brought in from other cities.

Finally, in Madrid's Vicente Calderon stadium work hasn't begun.

One law for Beckenbauer

HAMBURGER SV business manager Gunter Netzer had to use all his powers of diplomacy to keep the HSV squad intact after an end of season friendly game in Ebingen.

The night before the game, which was not important, three first team players, Manfred Kaltz, Jimmy Hartwig and Caspar Memering, were found at a disco after the 10pm curfew.

Next day, Franz Beckenbauer was allowed to play only in the first-half — so that he could cash in on a T.V. appearance — and after the game the three 'disco fans' were told they had each been fined £500.

Hartwig persuaded his two colleagues to join him in a rebellion against Beckenbauer.

"There is one rule for him, and another for the rest of the squad," they said.

Netzer finally kept the squad intact, but only after the trio had spoken to club chairman Wolfgang Klein and been told that in future Beckenbauer would not be granted special privileges.

Italians scared of English clubs

ENGLISH sides terrify the Italians... but the national side doesn't have quite the same effect.

Italians have every cause to be fearful of English club sides — Nottingham Forest and Liverpool have won the European Cup between them for the past five seasons.

Add to that Ipswich's UEFA Cup success and it was easy to understand the view of Gianpiero Marini, who helped Inter Milan reach the Semi-Finals of the European Cup.

He says: "When we play a club side from England, we think we only have a 50 per cent chance.

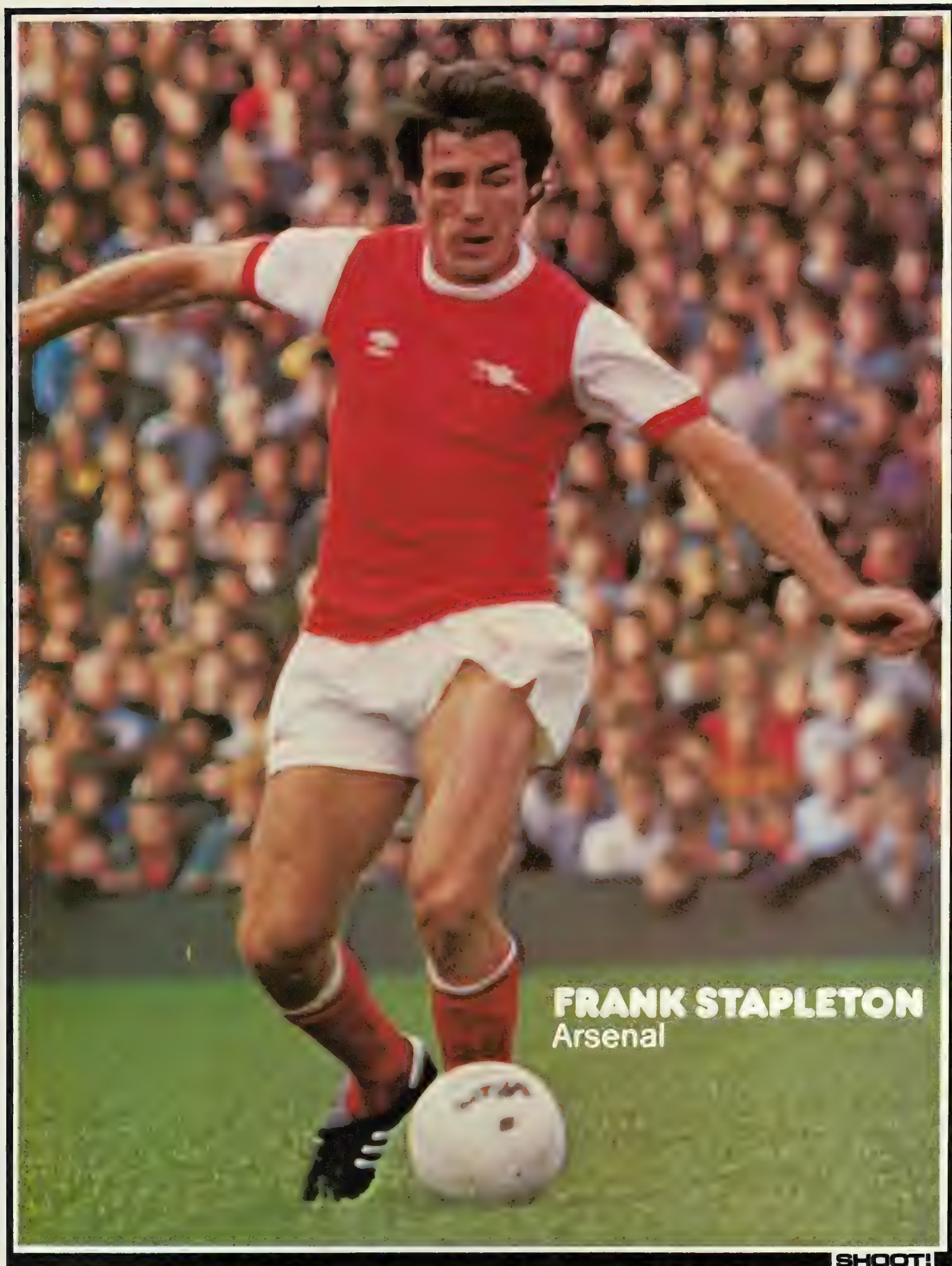
"The club sides are so good, but we do not worry if we have to take on the English national side.

"They do not keep a settled side. I think that is the problem. The club sides have kept squads together for many years.

"The English team is always changing. That is not good for the players."

● Photo shows Arsenal-Juventus in the 1979/80 Cup-Winners' Cup Semi-Final, which The Gunners won.





FRANK STAPLETON
Arsenal

SHOOT!

ATHLONE TOWN League of Ireland Champions



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

LIKE most modern football success stories, Athlone Town's sudden rise to fame is due to a manager.

Since they rejoined the League of Ireland in 1969 Athlone have had 14 different managers. So Turlough O'Connor cannot have been over confident when he took over the job at St Mel's Park in August, 1979.

But the home town boy, who had seen service with Fulham, Dundalk, Limerick and Bohemians, was an instant success.

The League Cup and the Tyler All-Ireland Cup were won in 1979-80 and last term the club set a new League of Ireland record by

going 27 games without defeat to take the Championship for the first time in the club's 89-year history.

Up to now Athlone's most memorable moment was when they held the mighty AC Milan scoreless in the UEFA Cup. Now that they are back in Europe they are hoping to do even better

BACK ROW (Left to right):

Frank Devlin, Pat Whelan, Tom Conway, Noel Larkin, Mick Smyth, Anthony Keena, Jimmy Jackson, Stefan Feniuk, Harry McCue.

FRONT ROW:

Larry Wyse, Kevin Smith, Michael O'Connor, Paddy O'Connor (capt.), Derek Carroll, Denis Clarke, Joey Salmon, Eugene Davis.

1980-81 Campaign
League — Champions.
FAI Cup — Fourth Round.
League Cup — Quarter-Final.
Tyler All-Ireland — Beaten Finalists.

EUROPEAN RECORD

1975 U.E.F.A. Cup — beat Valerengen (Norway) on 4-2 agg; lost to AC Milan on 3-0 agg.

HONOURS

FAI Cup: 1924.
League: 1980-81.
League Cup: 1979-80.
Tyler All-Ireland: 1979.

Founded: 1892.

League of Ireland Membership:

1922-1928, 1969 to date.

Home Ground: St Mel's Park.

Colours: Black and Blue vertical stripes.

Nickname: The Town.

Record Win: 6-0 v Galway Rovers and

UCD 1979-80.

Record Defeat: 0-7 v Finn Harps 1971-72.

Record Attendance: 12,000 v AC Milan

1975.

Most League Points in a Season: 51

(1980-81).

Most League Goals in a Season: 67

(1980-81).

Top League Scorers in a Season: Eugene

Davis 23 (1980-81).

England's magnificent seven

How next season's Euro representatives have fared in previous competitions.

ONCE again next season English club football will have a bonus in the European Champions Cup in that we are the only nation with two contestants.

Holders Liverpool are automatic entrants — in addition to new League Champs Villa. But while Villa are something of

● This is a summary of the past fate of those English clubs engaged in European competitions in 1981-82.

LIVERPOOL

1964-65	Champions Cup	Semi-Final
1965-66	Cup-Winners' Cup	Final
1966-67	Champions Cup	2nd Round
1967-68	Fairs Cup	1st Round
1968-69	Fairs Cup	2nd Round
1969-70	Fairs Cup	2nd Round
1970-71	Fairs Cup	Semi-Final
1971-72	Cup-Winners' Cup	2nd Round
1972-73	UEFA Cup	WINNERS
1973-74	Champions Cup	2nd Round
1974-75	Cup-Winners' Cup	2nd Round
1975-76	UEFA Cup	WINNERS
1976-77	Champions Cup	WINNERS
1977-78	Champions Cup	WINNERS
1978-79	Champions Cup	1st Round
1979-80	Champions Cup	1st Round
1980-81	Champions Cup	WINNERS

ASTON VILLA

1975-76	UEFA Cup	1st Round
1977-78	UEFA Cup	Quarter-Final

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

1961-62	Champions Cup	Semi-Final
1962-63	Cup-Winners' Cup	WINNERS
1963-64	Cup-Winners' Cup	2nd Round
1967-68	Cup-Winners' Cup	2nd Round
1971-72	UEFA Cup	WINNERS
1972-73	UEFA Cup	Semi-Final
1973-74	UEFA Cup	Final

IPSWICH

1962-63	Champions Cup	2nd Round
1973-74	UEFA Cup	Quarter-Final
1974-75	UEFA Cup	1st Round
1975-76	UEFA Cup	2nd Round
1977-78	UEFA Cup	3rd Round
1978-79	Cup-Winners' Cup	Quarter-Final
1979-80	UEFA Cup	Second Round
1980-81	UEFA Cup	WINNERS

ARSENAL

1963-64	Fairs Cup	2nd Round
1969-70	Fairs Cup	WINNERS
1970-71	Fairs Cup	Quarter-Final
1971-72	Champions Cup	Quarter-Final
1978-79	UEFA Cup	3rd Round
1979-80	Cup-Winners' Cup	Final

WEST BROMWICH

1966-67	Fairs Cup	3rd Round
1968-69	Cup-Winners' Cup	Quarter-Final
1978-79	UEFA Cup	Quarter-Final
1979-80	UEFA Cup	1st Round

SOUTHAMPTON

1969-70	Fairs Cup	3rd Round
1971-72	UEFA Cup	1st Round
1976-77	Cup-Winners' Cup	Quarter-Final

Champions Cup; 15 in the Cup-winners' Cup; and 24 in the UEFA (or Fairs) Cup.

Of this coming season's seven English representatives, the record of Liverpool is far and away the most impressive — with three wins in the Champions Cup, and a couple in the UEFA Cup for good measure.

● These have been English Finalists since the first of the three major European club competitions kicked-off in 1955. (Winners shown in capitals).

CHAMPIONS CUP

MANCHESTER UNITED (1967-68)
Leeds (1974-75)
LIVERPOOL (1976-77)
LIVERPOOL (1977-78)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1978-79)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1979-80)
LIVERPOOL (1980-81)
(From Scotland, Celtic were winners in 1966-67; and beaten Finalists in 1969-70)



CUP-WINNERS' CUP

TOTTENHAM (1962-63)
WEST HAM (1964-65)
Liverpool (1965-66)
MAN. CITY (1969-70)
CHELSEA (1970-71)
Leeds (1972-73)
West Ham (1975-76)
Arsenal (1979-80)
(From Scotland, Rangers were winners in 1971-72; and beaten Finalists in 1960-61 and 1966-67)



UEFA/FAIRS CUP

London Representative XI (1955 to 1958)**
Birmingham (1958 to 1960)**
Birmingham (1960-61)
Leeds (1966-67)
LEEDS (1967-68)
NEWCASTLE (1968-69)
ARSENAL (1969-70)
LEEDS (1970-71)
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (1971-72)
Wolves (1971-72)
LIVERPOOL (1972-73)
Tottenham Hotspur (1973-74)
LIVERPOOL (1975-76)
IPSWICH (1980-81)
(** Competition spread over more than one season).



But Spurs, Arsenal, and Ipswich have also been winners in the past. And each of the remaining three has at least once reached the Quarter-Finals of one or other of the three Euro competitions.

Despite England's remarkable feat of having taken the Champions Cup for the last five seasons... statistically (if only because we have more contestants) the UEFA Cup, and its Fairs Cup predecessor, has proved our best bet over the years.

For England has had a team (including eight winners) in 13 of the 23 Finals — even providing both Finalists in 1972, when Spurs pipped Wolves.

But, among its representatives for the 1981-82 Euro competitions, England can point to a past winner in all three — Liverpool (1977, 1978, 1981) in the Champions Cup; Spurs (1963) in the Cup-Winners' Cup; and Ipswich (1981) and Arsenal (1970) in the UEFA Cup.

And all look more than capable of having a mighty go at an "action replay"!

1981-82 First round EURO-DRAW EUROPEAN CUP

Celtic v Juventus; Oulun Palloseura (Finland) v Liverpool; Aston Villa v Valur Reykjavik; Progress Niedercorn (Lux.) v Glentoran; BK Copenhagen v Athlone

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Spurs v Ajax; Swansea v prelim, winner; Ballymena v Roma; Fram Reykjavik v Dundalk; Dukla Prague v Rangers.

UEFA CUP

Limerick v Southampton; Grasshoppers Zurich v West Brom; Ipswich v Aberdeen; Beveren v Linfield; Monaco v Dundee Utd; Panathinaikos v Arsenal.
First legs: Sept. 16; Second legs Sept 30.

Liverpool will meet Finnish Champs Oulun Palloseura, who they hit for ten goals at Anfield last season.

"new boys" at this level of European fray — they've previously only had a couple of seasons in the UEFA Cup — this will be Liverpool's 18th successive campaign in one or other of the three Cups.

In fact, Villa — founder-members of the League back in 1888 and one of the great names in English soccer — are the least experienced of all the seven representatives.

But, remember, the growth of the modern big-time Euro competitions has coincided with much of the dark era of Villa history — and less than a decade ago they were languishing in the Third Division.

Spurs, in the Cup-Winners' Cup, have had seven seasons in Europe — and, in 1962-63, became England's first-ever winner when they hammered Atletico Madrid 5-1 in the Final of that same competition.

And England's four UEFA Cup representatives, current holders Ipswich, Arsenal, West Bromwich, and Southampton, can boast of eight, six, four, and three past European seasons respectively.

Over the years, 12 clubs have represented England in the



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Ipswich warning

SO David Johnson thinks Ipswich can be another Liverpool.

If I was Bobby Robson I would do something about it quickly. I wouldn't want my team to play the boring kick-and-run football Liverpool have over the past few years.

Although I sound very critical towards Liverpool, I have nothing but admiration for their achievements over the last decade.

Liverpool's system of play is efficient, as they have proven to the rest of Europe, but they cannot entertain like Ipswich can. Ipswich can win and entertain.

STEVEN GODDARD,
DISS.

● What is entertainment? Is winning entertainment? Liverpool fans haven't been bored by three European Cup wins.

Sad departure

LIKE many other Blackburn Rovers fans, I was disappointed to see the departure of Howard Kendall to Everton.

But it was the way in which the deal was conducted which really annoyed me.

The Everton chairman, Philip Carter, issued numerous statements which were putting the manager, Gordon Lee, under pressure.

This led to speculation about Mr Kendall's job at just the wrong moments: before vital promotion-deciding games.

In the end this helped to lose the team's confidence and miss out on promotion to Swansea.

It is about time the officials at the Football Association and the Football League put their heads together and came up with a solution to the problems of "manager-poaching".

MICHAEL BLOCK,
BLACKBURN.

● It was the Press who speculated about Kendall, not Everton. They kept to the rules and waited for the season to end before approaching Blackburn.

It's Brazil

BRAZIL will win the World Cup easily next year. They won all three of their games in Europe, against England, France and West Germany, and their marvellous, flowing moves, dazzling



The Brazilians showed their World Cup capabilities against England at Wembley last May

This week's Star Letter comes from Edward Lake of Brancaster, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

Stop knocking Keegan



flicks and quick one-tuos around the penalty area are a revelation in these times of boring, stereotyped international football.

And if they receive a free-kick within 30 yards of the opposition goal, then Eder or Junior is sure to test the goalkeeper with a swerving, bending shot.

Add to this the skills of Socrates, Zico and Cerezo, and it's clear that Brazil will triumph in Spain in 1982.

NICK THORNE,
OXFORD.

● I can't argue with you.

End the mistakes

DESPITE feeling a certain sadness for the outgoing Chelsea chairman, Brian Mears, who was totally dedicated to the club, I believe that now it is time for a fresh beginning at Stamford Bridge.

There must be an end to the sort of

Pen-Pal

I'M a 13-year-old boy and I'd like pen-pals in England and Scotland to exchange soccer souvenirs.

STEPHEN DAVISON,
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Cup run

When in 1927 Cardiff became the only non-English club to win the F.A. Cup, who did they beat on their way to the Final?

PAUL BAXTER,
MID-GLAMORGAN

● Cardiff (then a First Division club) kicked-off with a 2-1 home win over Aston Villa. Paul, followed by a 2-0 victory at Darlington.

After that, Bolton (then the current holders) were beaten 2-0 away; and Chelsea 3-2 in a home replay after a 0-0 away draw.

In the Semi-Finals, Reading were defeated 3-0 — and then, of course, Arsenal 1-0 in that dramatic Wembley Final.

No corners

Was there ever a Football League game without a single corner awarded to either side?

SHAHAR KADIR,
WEST MALAYSIA

● I know it's occurred once, Shahar — but, as far as anyone can trace, that was the only time.

This unique game in which neither side conceded a corner was the First Division meeting between Newcastle and Portsmouth on 5th December, 1931.

Mind you, defences were obviously pretty tight all round that afternoon — as there were no goals, either.

90 degrees

What was the highest temperature in which a football match has been played?

EAMONN O'SHEA,
EIRE

● In the Middle East, and some parts of South America, Eamonn, I believe they sometimes have to speed through the penalty-area at temperatures of more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

There just aren't any accurate records from those parts — but, as far as Britain is concerned, the hottest day on which a full League programme was played goes back to Saturday, 1st September, 1908.

On that afternoon, the thermometer in most parts of the country was hovering around the 90 degree mark — and several players had to receive first-aid for heat-exhaustion.

SHORT PASSES

● England have played Brazil 12 times. Their only win was in the first game by 4-2 at Wembley, on 9th May, 1956. Brazil have won seven games, with four draws.

(TAKID IBRAHEEM, Nigeria)

● The first-ever World Cup was held (with 13 entrants) in Montevideo in 1930. Host-nation Uruguay beat Argentina 4-2 in the Final.

(BARTHOLOMEW MORAH,
Nigeria)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

WHAT a difference a year makes — especially in the case of England skipper Kevin Keegan.

Summer 1980 saw Keegan, European Footballer of the Year, making one of his last appearances for Hamburger S.V. in the European Cup Final.

The whole of England, it seemed, was waiting for our soccer Messiah to return, and lead Southampton to glory.

Summer 1981 sees Keegan in the role of the villain. He has suffered badly from injuries, and has therefore struggled.

The Press have mercilessly criticised him, even demanding for his departure from the England team — the same journalists, incidentally, who had called Keegan "world class" 12 months before.

This proves just how fickle the general soccer fan in England is. The facts are this; Kevin Keegan would walk into just about any side in the world right now, regardless of what people are saying.

In effect, my message is — stop knocking Keegan; he is a superb player and a marvellous soccer ambassador for his country.

● England could do with a 20-year-old Kevin Keegan coming through the ranks.

mistakes which have littered the recent history of this great club, particularly in the transfer market.

While money has been paid out for some players of rather doubtful ability, several class players have been allowed to move for nominal fees at today's prices, among them John Hollins, Eamonn Bannon and Kenny Swain, who all had outstanding seasons.

Let us hope that John Neal can bring to Chelsea the stability that has been so sadly lacking over the past decade.

CONOR GILLIGAN,
BELFAST.

● Neal's first task is to get Chelsea scoring again.

Football comes second

OVER the last year or so the number of managers being sacked has increased steadily.

It could come to the point next season when more interest will be placed on the managerial merry-go-round than the football.

Surely something can be done to sort out this terrible shambles which is threatening the game of football?

MICHAEL SMALL,
HUYTON.

● Do readers have any suggestions?

Best Jr.

THE only way I can see England being successful in the future is if Ron Greenwood goes to America, cap in hand, and persuades George Best to bring up his son in England.

E. LAWRENCE,
GREENWICH.

● Best junior qualifies to play for either the USA or Northern Ireland. If he's anything like his dad every country would like him!

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"Dangerous kicking . . . what? Me?"



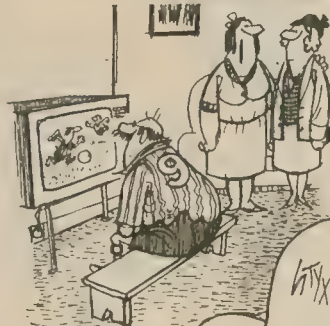
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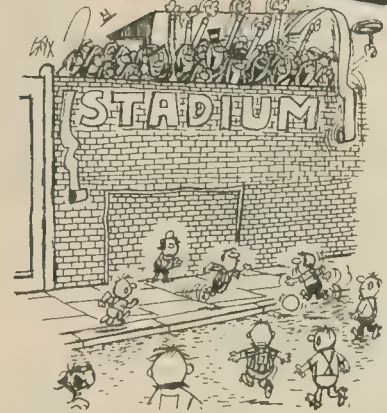
"Ever since Cloughie made those nice remarks about the refs . . ."



"He lives in a fantasy world. I even have to tell him to warm up five minutes from time."



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"Aston Villa's Peter Withe is one of the most effective centre-forwards in the League."

and during the British Championship all the players and coaches got together to talk it over.

The way it came out in the papers was completely wrong. We merely felt that the system we play to at League level was the best for us internationally, as it was what we were used to. There was no vendetta against Peter Barnes. I room with Peter on trips and if he was disappointed it was at being left out, not because of any so-called



Ipswich's Paul Mariner

must have hit the woodwork six or seven times. Garry, unlike Joe, prefers the ball played to his feet; I don't see many problems sorting this out before the start of next season.

Liverpool have had success with both the traditional big striker, John Toshack, and the more Continental pairing of two smaller men, Kenny Dalglish and David Johnson. Again, one important factor behind their success has been the fact that, until last season, Liverpool played with virtually an unchanged team for so long.

Superb

One of the most effective centre-forwards in the League is Peter Withe. When we drew 3-3 with Villa last season he gave one of the best performances from his type of player I've ever seen. He scored twice, one from Kenny Swain's centre and once from a shot on the turn. His first touch was superb — he and Gary Shaw are perfect for each other.

Continental defenders, especially South Americans, have slowly but surely learnt how to play against our big men. They don't necessarily do it legally — Passarella, for instance, kept jumping into our forwards when we played Argentina last year — but they do it so well the referee doesn't notice it.

British fans wouldn't appreciate the way the Continentals play. I've tried to slow the game down, but supporters prefer the first time ball

**'STILL A
PLACE FOR THE
TARGET MAN'**

DESPITE the disappointments of the England team last season, I still believe there is a place for the traditional centre-forward. This type of player has been effective domestically, while both Ipswich and Liverpool have been successful in Europe with Paul Mariner and John Toshack as the big men up front.

Because our clubs are used to playing with this type of striker I feel we must play with one at international level, too. It's simply a matter of familiarity and English clubs have been bred on the more physical type of central striker.

The Continentals prefer a different method of attacking play. Spain impressed me at Wembley in March with the way they used Juanito from deep, but they're used to this week-in, week-out, just as we're used to a Joe Jordan or Peter Withe.

It's important to play the right type of players with the big man to get the most out of the system. You need a smaller, sharper striker alongside, rather like Gary Shaw with Peter Withe at Aston Villa.

You also need the midfield men to support the front two. In Ron Greenwood's early days we had Bob Latchford at centre-forward with Kevin Keegan just behind him;



**Ray
Wilkins
WRITES
FOR YOU**

Steve Coppell and Peter Barnes supplied the width and it was a successful period. It's also worth bearing in mind we had a reasonably settled time at that period and the value of that can't be understated.

We always looked like scoring goals with that system, something we haven't been doing over the past few months.

England have changed their formation in search of the right blend

player-power; he knows how highly he's rated within the squad.

United, of course, have just lost one of the best target men in the business in big Joe Jordan, who recently signed for AC Milan.

We were all very sorry to see him go, because Joe was one of the most valued members of the Old Trafford squad.

How his departure will affect our other striker Garry Birtles remains to be seen. Already new boss Ron Atkinson has been linked with Garry's former Forest team-mate Tony Woodcock.

But whoever comes to Old Trafford, I'm sure that Garry will do well.

I was amazed Garry didn't score in the League as he played so well and

upfield. At Old Trafford they're used to Bobby Charlton getting the ball in midfield, giving it to George Best and the next thing you know it's a goal.

I remember a few years ago when Dave Sexton was manager of Q.P.R. and they tried to play a more sophisticated style of soccer — I thought it was superb, but overall I don't think it was too well received by the fans.

Bearing in mind the results of the England team, a lot of people might not agree that British is best... but it's certainly the best way for us players.

Join me again in a fortnight,

Ray Wilkins



Defeat for Wolves in last season's F.A. Cup Semi-Final replay against Spurs at Highbury.

JOHN BARNWELL
emerged from his meeting with Wolverhampton Wanderers chairman Harry Marshall knowing that he had just dragged the Midland club to the crossroads it has been struggling to reach for far too many years.

It was common knowledge that Wolves' straight-talking manager had made up his mind to make the men at the top understand the need for new players. But when the meeting took place, Barnwell went a lot further.

He put his job on the line and, contrary to popular reports, came away without signing the three-year contract which Wolves want him to accept when his current contract expires in November.

A lesser man might have tempted providence once too often, but Barnwell gave Wolves an ultimatum, and his employers had to agree with his logic.

"I believe that I have come as far as I can with the players we have," said Barnwell. "I told the chairman that it was simply a case of new players or a new manager."

"It is possible that another manager might achieve much more than me with the current staff, and I made this point during the meeting."

'Mountain'

"But if I am to stay at Molineux then I want the club to make progress, not stagnate. We have come part of the way, but we really do still have a mountain to climb."

Barnwell's personal mountain is the League Championship, and he points to Liverpool and Arsenal as examples of what Wolves must achieve.

"When I came here in November, 1978, the club was a slumbering giant with a magnificent tradition. But there was no sign of the glory years being repeated. The team had seven points from 15 First Division games and the players were on their knees."

"I told them I wanted players willing to fight, not men weakened with self-pity. They fought and they survived. We reached the F.A. Cup Semi-Final as well, a real bonus despite freezing on the day and losing 2-0 to Arsenal."

"We worked behind the scenes

as well. Now I believe we have a much stronger structure throughout the club, and without this kind of solid, business-like background you not only stand no chance of being Champions but risk crashing all the way down when things go a little wrong."

"Liverpool and Arsenal are living proof that success stems from a thorough, professional attitude throughout a club. A regular flow of good young players coming through, scouting of the highest

pedigree, discipline and pride in standards."

"All are vitally important and we are on the right road in this respect. Now we must concentrate on the playing side."

"The club will make some money available to enable me to strengthen the side. Not a fortune, but in fairness it is very difficult for any club to provide massive sums these days."

"I intend building a side capable of climbing that mountain, and just as long as people understand that it takes time, patience and the occasional stumble on the way, I am confident we will succeed."

Realists would admit that Barnwell's achievements at Molineux since his arrival constitute considerable success in themselves.

The former Arsenal, Nottingham Forest and Sheffield United England Under 23 international left Peterborough for those very reasons he gave Harry Marshall. He decided he had gone as far as he could with the players available, and when told he could not

get the extra playing strength to see the side into the Second Division, he left.

Ritchie Barker, at one time a Third Division rival manager with Shrewsbury and recently appointed Stoke boss, joined Barnwell at Molineux where their combined talents kept Wolves up. The Semi-Final added to a new mood of excitement in the town and Wolves were set to make an impact when disaster struck.

Shattering

Barnwell almost died in an horrific car crash which fractured his skull. But he defied medical advice, ignored the tingling scalp tension and waves of shattering tiredness and returned to work in July, 1979.

In 1979-80 they finished sixth in the table, won ten League games away from home and beat European Champions Nottingham Forest 1-0 at Wembley to win the League Cup, Andy Gray repaying a huge slice of his massive fee with the winner.

Barnwell and Barker decided to take things a step further and attempted to change the team's

BARNWELL'S ULTIMATUM TO WOLVES

hard-running, competitive and grafting style to a more flowing, short-passing game.

For the first time in his whirlwind reign, Barnwell made a mistake.

He explained: "We discovered that we simply did not have the players to suit that style. Our results deteriorated and we changed back to our original, manufactured style with reluctance but realism."

"It is strange how when things begin to go wrong they sometimes pick up speed until you are surrounded with problems."

"But we showed character and tightened up all round... basically with those same players I inherited back in November, 1978! Another F.A. Cup Semi-Final gave some colour to the season, but there is no way we can achieve that a third time without new blood."

"I looked at the youngsters and they simply were not ready. I looked at the seniors and they were another year older."

"I have my plans. I know what I want and why. I will worry about contracts another day. For the moment I have told Wolves what I believe. We have a magnificent development scheme under way over a six-year period, one which will make Molineux the envy of the League. All I want now is a team to go with it."



A couple of years ago, when Allan Hunter and Kevin Beattie were doing such a tremendous job for me, I used to come in in the mornings and consider how lucky I was to have the pair of them in my team," admits Ipswich boss Bobby Robson.

"To be able to follow them with a couple of players like Russell and Terry is beyond any manager's wildest dreams."

It's certainly a delight to watch them playing alongside each

OSMAN and BUTCHER

Ipswich's amazing double-act

WHATEVER happened to the Likely Lads — television's Bob and Terry, who seemed to do almost everything together and gave us a whole load of laughs into the bargain?

Sadly, as a double-act, they're not around any longer.

But soccer's own 'Likely Lads' — Russell and Terry — alias Russell Osman and Terry Butcher are still together, and going from strength to strength.

Not exactly giving opposing forwards many laughs, but certainly giving Ipswich manager Bobby Robson the smug satisfaction that in these two, he has arguably the best central-defensive pairing in the country.

together against Australia in last summer's Centenary international didn't count — against Spain in the Wembley friendly on March 25th.

Like the rest of the England team that night, Osman and Butcher didn't do themselves justice. But their chance will come again. Both are still only 22 with time on their side. Meanwhile, they'll go on picking up valuable experience with Ipswich.

Both players agree that Town's



other. They go together like soap and water — and last season were just as effective, cleaning up almost everything any opposition had to throw at them.

The partnership has really blossomed at Portman Road over the last 12 months. But the seeds of their tremendous understanding were sewn five years ago, when they first teamed-up for the Ipswich youth side in a game against Arsenal at London Colney. The combination was a winner from the start, the Suffolk youngsters winning 2-1.

"We seem to have been together ever since," says Osman. "We room together, work together, enjoy a game of snooker together, but most of all we enjoy playing together."

Even before meeting up at Ipswich, their lives ran an uncanny parallel course. Six years ago, both played rugby for their respective grammar schools, and both occupied the fly-half spot.

Osman is the senior member of the duo in terms of first team experience. He made his debut for the League side at Portman Road against Chelsea on September 3rd, 1977, wearing the No. 6 shirt. Butcher had to wait until later in the same season, April 15th, 1978, in fact, before he got his chance.

And guess which shirt he was handed? That's right! The No. 6, with Osman having switched to the No. 5 shirt.

But neither were in the Ipswich side that carried off the F.A. Cup for the first time in the club's history at the end of that season. A disappointment for both, certainly. But one they fully intend to make up for.

Bachelor Osman is the extrovert of the partnership, while Butcher, who is married, is steadier and shy.

"But I'm standing up for myself against Russell a lot more than I used to," insists Terry. "In the past he was always the one to dish out

the rollockings on the pitch. Now I'm giving him his fair share, as well."

In style, as well as in personality, there are marked differences. Osman is a superbly balanced player, equally at home with the ball at either foot, always looking to play himself out of trouble.

Commanding

At 6' 4" Butcher is a giant of a man, solid as a rock and, as you'd expect, commanding in the air. He operates on the left of centre, and prefers his left foot to his right.

Although he says: "My natural foot is my right, but I dropped a teapot full of boiling water on it when I was four and I've still got the scar. Since then, I've always had a preference for using my left foot."

The pair of them, of course, won their first 'proper' full England caps — they feel their appearance

success in Europe has benefited them considerably.

"The Continental players are very different from the League players we meet week in and week out," says Osman. "They are extremely skilful, and you have to concentrate the whole time. It's a completely new ball-game."

And Butcher is quick to point out the lessons they've learned from Ipswich's own Continentals, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen.

"The Dutch lads have demonstrated to us the benefit of patience," says Butcher. "Instead of humping long balls into the air, we've learned to be more selective in our distribution."

While Ron Greenwood will probably stick with his established pairing of Dave Watson and Phil Thompson until after the 1982 World Cup Finals, the Ipswich pair will still be there, waiting in the wings. Because these 'Likely Lads' are sure to be around for a long time to come yet.

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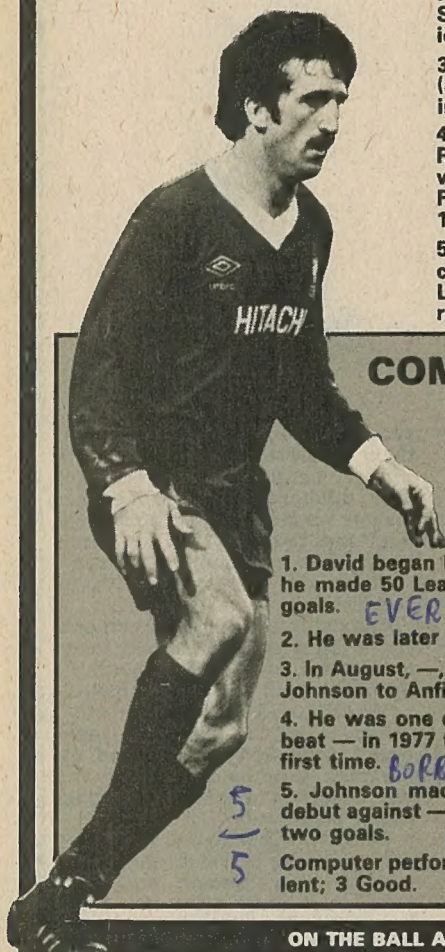
Quiz Time

SPOT THE CLUBS



Read the following clues and see if you can identify the clubs.

1. Which Scottish Premier Division club are known as The Buddies?
2. Can you name the clubs that won (a) the Third Division, (b) Fourth, (c) Scottish First and (d) Scottish Second Division Championships in 1980-81?
3. Study the action photograph (above) and identify the two clubs involved.
4. Former England manager Alf Ramsey came to prominence when he guided which club to the First Division Championship in 1962?
5. Wigan Athletic were the last club elected to the Football League. Which club did they replace in 1978?



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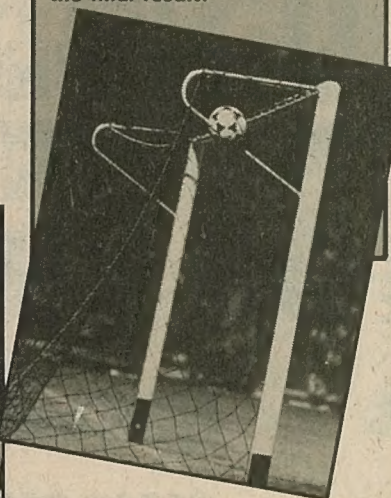
1. David began his League career with — where he made 50 League appearances and scored 11 goals.
 2. He was later transferred to — for £125,000.
 3. In August, —, Liverpool paid £200,000 to bring Johnson to Anfield.
 4. He was one of Liverpool's heroes when they beat — in 1977 to win the European Cup for the first time.
 5. Johnson made his full England international debut against — in May, 1975 and marked it with two goals.
- Computer performance rating: 5 Superb; 4 Excellent; 3 Good.

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS: (3) Oxon. (4) Jar. (6) Other. (7) Scent. (9) Asp. (13) Shay. (15) McCall. (16) One-sided. (17) Ale. (18) John Bond. (21) Return. (22) Pool. (24) P.N.E. (25) Agent. (27) Narey. (28) Lit. (29) Solo.
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ODD SPOT

This photograph was taken during a crucial game in June. Can you name the goalscorer; against which opposition and the final result?



True or False?

1. Gillingham were once known as New Brompton.
2. Russia have never won the European Championship.
3. Arsenal were the last club to win the coveted League and F.A. Cup double. They won the First Division title before beating Liverpool in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.
4. Crewe Alexandra play their home Fourth Division games at Gresty Road.
5. The former Preston and England winger Tom Finney won the Footballer of the Year award once.

ANSWERS

SPOT THE CLUBS: 1. St Mirren. 2. Hibernian. (d) Queen's Park. 3. Queens Park Rangers and Black-burn. 4. Ipswich. 5. Southampton.
TRUE OR FALSE: 1. True. 2. False. 3. True. 4. True. 5. False — he won the tournament in 1960.
ODD SPOT: Trevor Brooking for England in their 3-1 World Cup qualification win against Hungary.
COMPUTER PUZZLE: 1. Everton. 2. Ipswich. 3. 1976. 4. Borussia Monchengladbach. 5. Wales.

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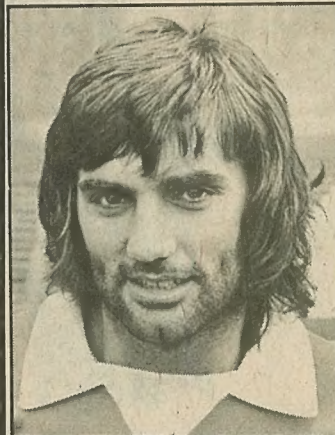
In our Brazil competition issue dated 16th May, readers were invited to answer three questions about the Brazilian national team. The correct answers were: 1 — Two; 2 — Maracana; 3 — Carlos Alberto.

Having considered all entries, the judges decided that the senders of the five nearest correct entries, with age taken into account, were David Allan, Burnley; David Campbell, Dunoon; Paul Morris, Portsmouth; Christopher Walters, Liverpool; and Simon White, Stone.

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FOR the first time in years there are question marks over the England goalkeeper's spot. Peter Shilton opted out of England's final games of last season because of personal problems. Ray Clemence, so reliable in the past, was blamed by many for all three goals he conceded in Switzerland and Hungary. His club future is uncertain.

At 32, Manchester City's Joe Corrigan is playing better than ever and would not let his country down, but Corrigan, for all his loyalty, is not the long-term answer.

Behind the Big Three are John Lukic of Leeds and Manchester United's Gary Bailey, with Bailey, perhaps, a whisker ahead. He was

chosen as England's number three goalkeeper on the summer tour, with Lukic claiming the Under-21 jersey.

Obviously these two are the leading contenders along with Norwich City's Chris Woods, although playing in Division Two

the 'keeper.

"It was a boost when manager Allan Clarke stood by me," Lukic says. "No one at the club had a go at me. I suppose they knew that it would have no benefit. I knew what had happened. I was grateful for the chance to play through the poor spell."

Lukic admits that simply being with Ray Clemence on the tour has helped him. The Liverpool man went out of his way to talk to his possible successor.

Bailey, who trained with the senior squad on the tour, also

IT'S LUKIC OR BAILEY-OR NOBODY

may hinder his progress.

Ron Greenwood's problem is that there is still a big gap between his three established 'keepers and the young pretenders. Lukic had little to do against Switzerland and Hungary and while the experience for the player was invaluable, it didn't teach the England boss anything he didn't already know.

Last season was a mixed one for Lukic. He was chosen as Leeds' Player of the Year, but a mid-season lapse, including some terrible individual blunders, had the

Elland Road fans wondering about

benefited from the advice of Clemence and Corrigan.

The problem is that the three senior England goalkeepers are all around the 32-mark, ten years older than Lukic and Bailey. And with World Cup year looming it's extremely unlikely that either of the two youngsters will progress to more than the occasional number three spot, as Bailey did in June.

Whatever the troubles of Clemence or Shilton, Greenwood still has less worries in goal than any outfield position. He must, however, hope that both Lukic and Bailey continue to progress; and

that another young 'keeper comes to the fore.

Because this time next year, with the 1982 World Cup Finals over, England will surely be looking for a new face in goal.

Goalkeepers tend to reach their peak at around 25. Of the 22 goalkeepers who will probably start 1981/82, five are non-English; three who are eligible are over 30 while the rest... well, without being too unkind, don't really measure up to international standard.

So at the moment it looks like either Lukic or Bailey, with little other opposition, a worrying situation.

Strange that a country which prides itself on its goalkeepers should be wondering who is going to wear the yellow jersey next.



Gary Bailey



John Lukic

SCOTT McGarvey is living proof that it's not all problems at Manchester United these days.

While Joe Jordan flew off to Italy and Garry Birtles struggled to find the net, McGarvey was busy proving that he's one of soccer's brightest young goalscoring prospects.

He actually made two substitute appearances for United last season

because I first came down as an 11-year-old when Tommy Docherty was here.

"Dave Sexton and Tommy Cavanagh then helped me a great deal and I was sorry when they were sacked at the end of last season. They gave me my chance and they obviously fancied me as a player.

"With a new manager you never know whether you are going to be in favour or not."

McGarvey's game looks similar

Germany, McGarvey was packing again — this time, for the Manchester United tour of the Far East.

"The two tours almost clashed, which would have left me in a terrible position. Naturally, I'm always desperately keen to play for my country but at the same time, I wouldn't have wished to miss the United tour.

"It's a vital time for me now if I'm going to force my way into the first team. So I wanted to go on the tour."

One thing in McGarvey's favour is United's reputation for throwing in exciting youngsters and now that Jordan has gone, Scott may soon get his chance.

At Old Trafford, the philosophy has always been that if you're good enough, you're old enough.

McGarvey, on the small amount of evidence so far, appears to be good enough. And with a bit of luck, United's fans may get the chance to judge for themselves next season.

McGARVEY PLAYS THE JORDAN WAY

after being called into the squad a dozen times. And the feeling around Old Trafford was that if Birtles hadn't cost so much money, McGarvey might have got a longer run in the team.

Says the 18-year-old: "I'd like to go all out for a first team place next season. It was nice to get a taste of the atmosphere last year but I won't really know what it's like in the First Division until I've played a few games.

"I've been connected with United for a long time now

to that of Jordan and he says: "I suppose subconsciously I may have picked up a bit of his style.

"I don't think players deliberately set out to copy another player but you find youngsters at a club do tend to have the habits of the older pros."

McGarvey has already made his mark at international level, playing for Scotland Under-21s. He was one of their successes during the recent European Youth championships in West Germany.

Soon after getting back from

Scott McGarvey in striking action for United's reserves.



FOCUS ON SHAUN ELLIOTT SUNDERLAND

FULL NAME: Shaun Elliott
BIRTHPLACE: Haltwhistle
BIRTHDATE: January 26, 1957
HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins
WEIGHT: 11st 3lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Volkswagen Golf GTI
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Sun
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Ruud Krol (Holland)
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Rob Hindmarch
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Shooting and fishing
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Don't want him to know
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating West Ham for promotion in 1979-80.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Manchester City
FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: Smoked salmon and lager
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Driving/Smoking
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORTS: USA
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Oliver Reed and Stephanie Powers
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Go shooting
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Moody Blues and Eagles
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Go for a drink with some friends
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have a few
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Geoff Edwards (school master), my dad and Jimmy Adamson
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England 'B' caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and to have enough courage to go for a drive with local rally driver Willie Rutherford
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Draughtsman
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The person who keeps scratching my car and Oliver Reed

Shaun Elliott



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